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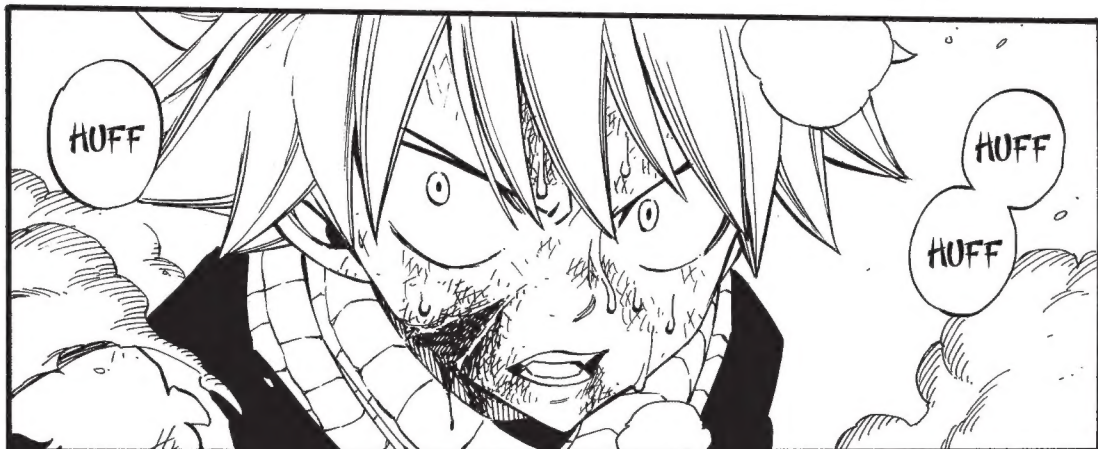
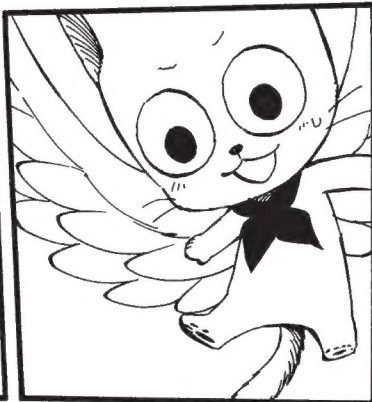
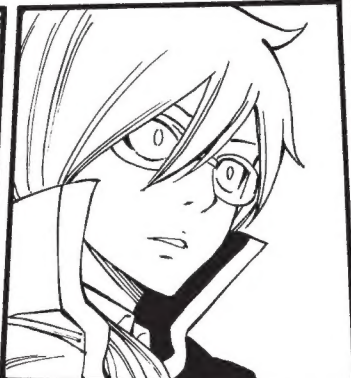
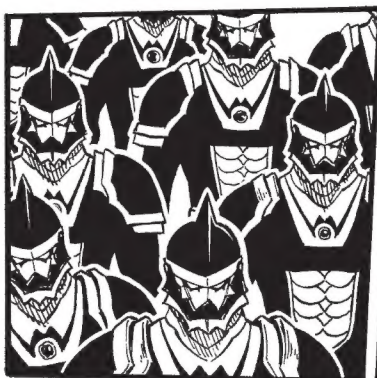
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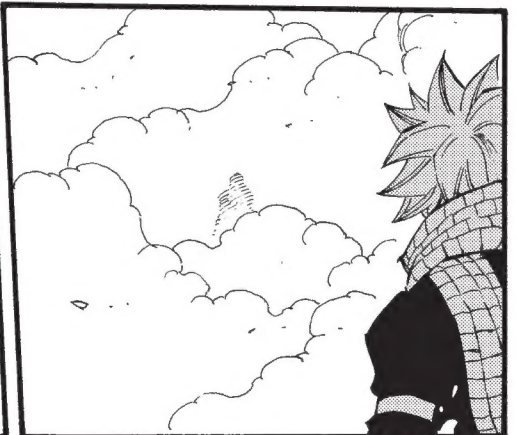
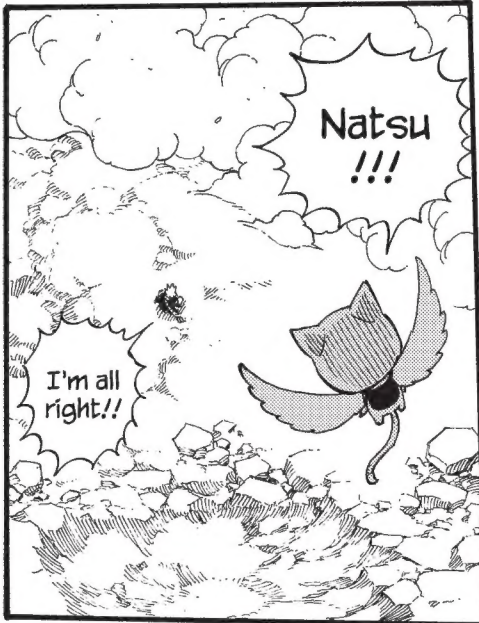
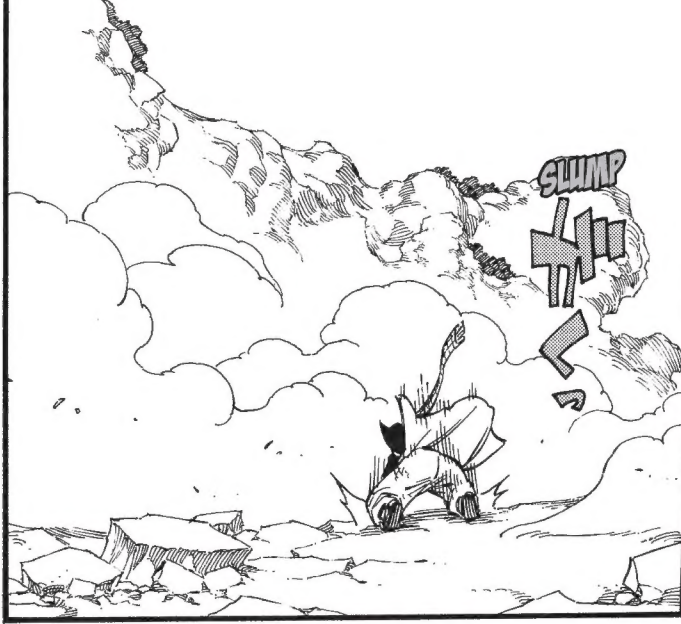
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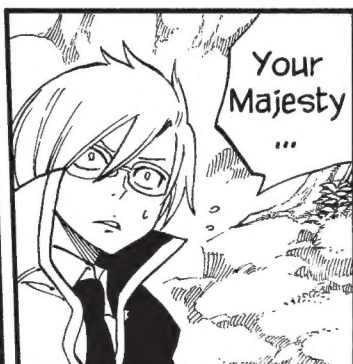
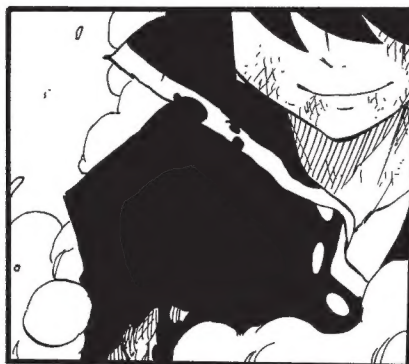
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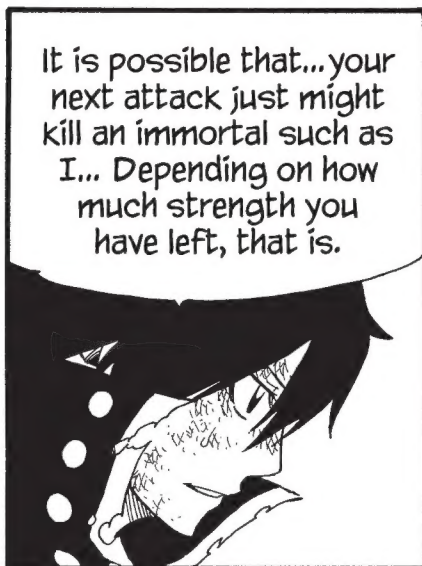
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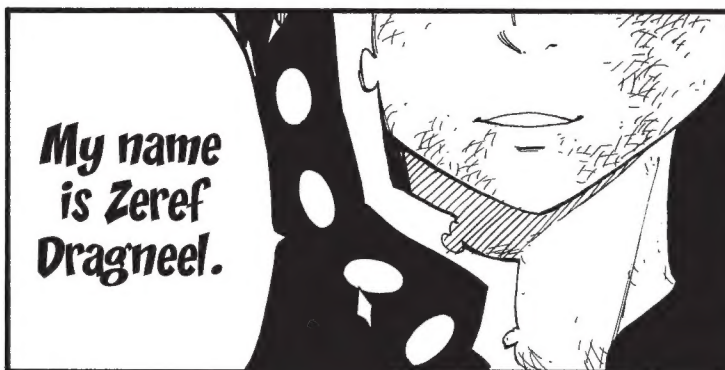








And so...while
I still live, I feel
I should tell you
something very
important.



**My name
is Zeref
Dragneel.**



Huh?



**I am
your
brother.**



400 years ago,
our parents were
burned to death
by dragon fire.



What?



My younger
brother, Natsu,
didn't survive
either.

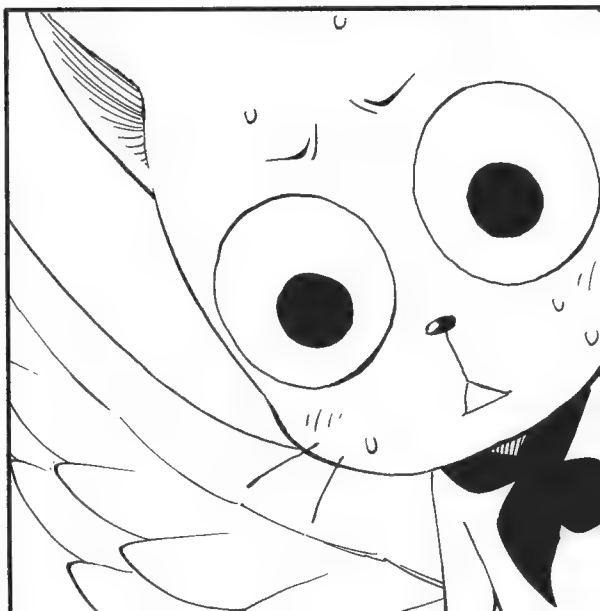
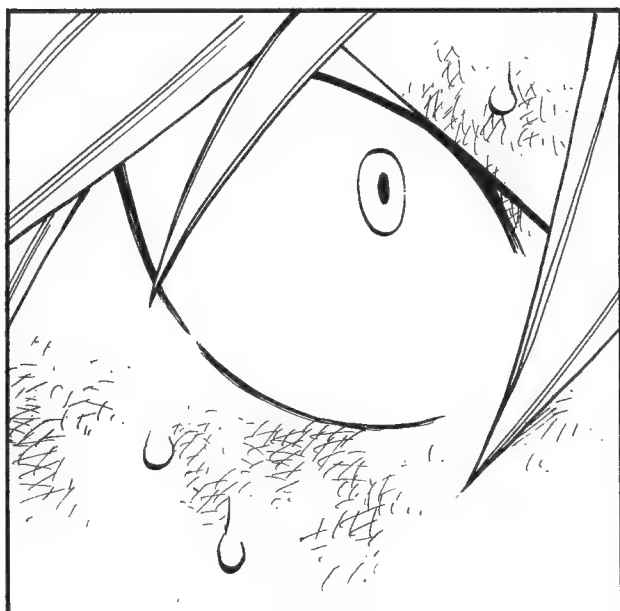


In my research
to revive you,
I succeeded in
creating a new
form of life.

Etherious...
demons from
the Book of
Zeref.



Wh-
What are
you talkin'
about?



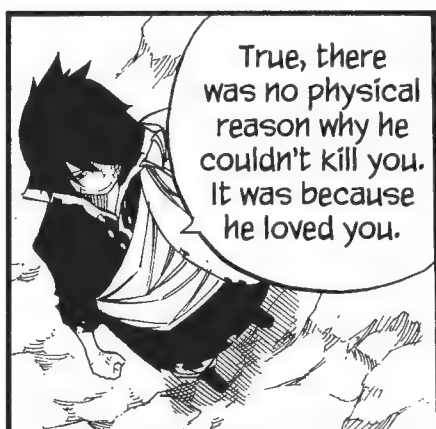


That's way too much to swallow!!

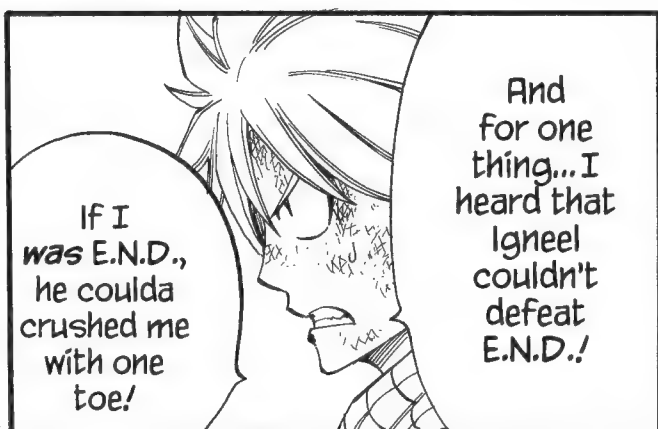
I'm supposed to be Zeref's dead brother and E.N.D.?

I don't!

N-Natsu... don't believe a word he's saying!

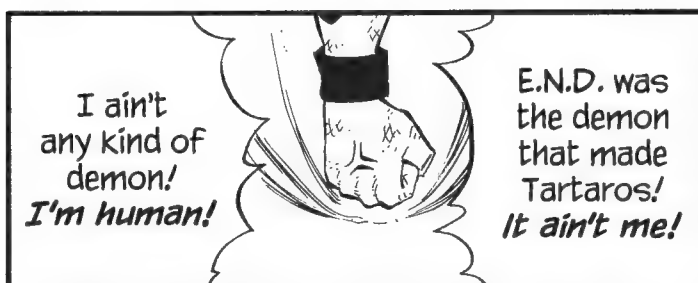


True, there was no physical reason why he couldn't kill you. It was because he loved you.



If I *was* E.N.D., he coulda crushed me with one toe!

And for one thing... I heard that Igneel couldn't defeat E.N.D.!



I ain't any kind of demon! I'm human!

E.N.D. was the demon that made Tartaros! It ain't me!



...



...to bring in the other demons.

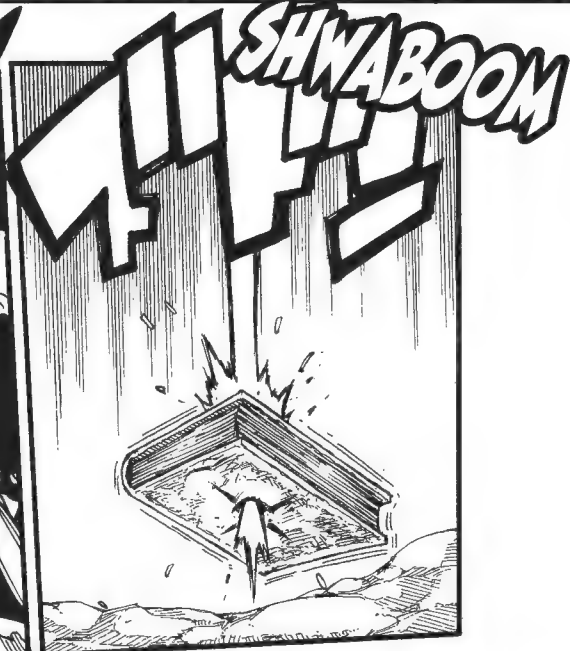
Tartaros was founded by Mard Geer. He simply attributed its creation to this book, which he found by accident...



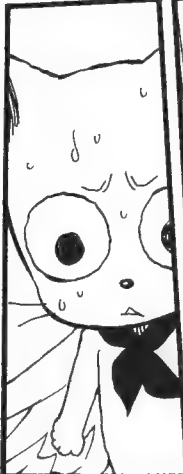
I keep
telling you,
I am *not*
E.N.D.!!



But you see,
you *did* play
a significant
role in creating
Tartaros.

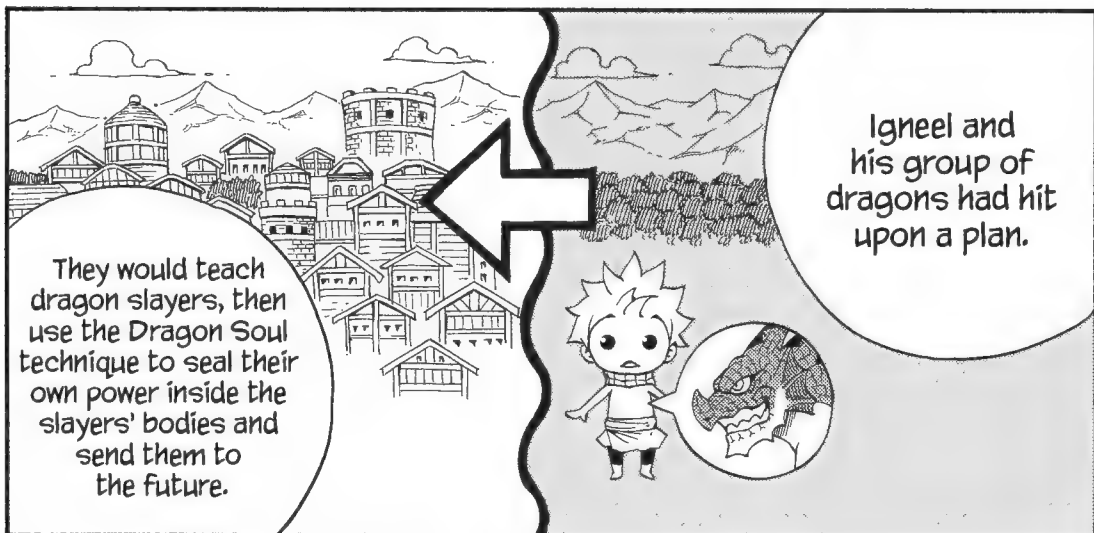
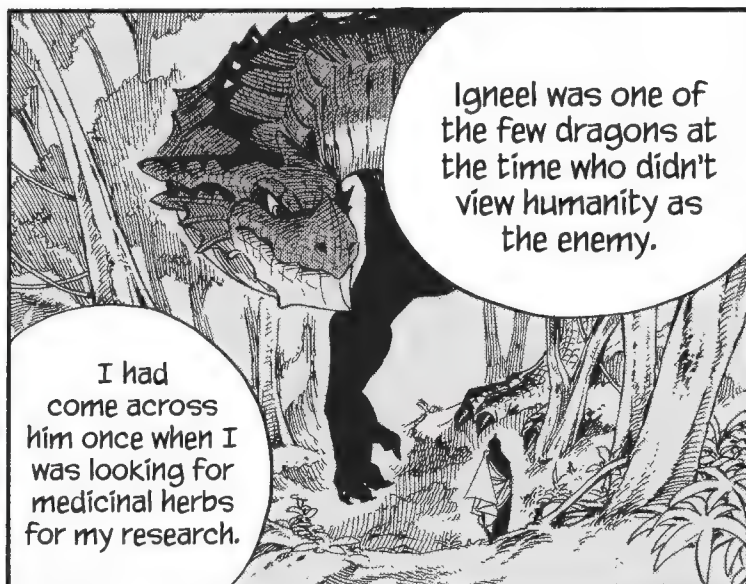
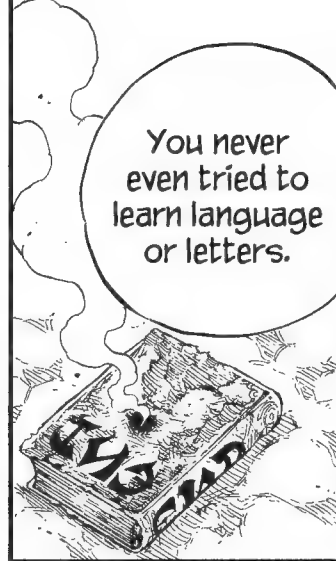
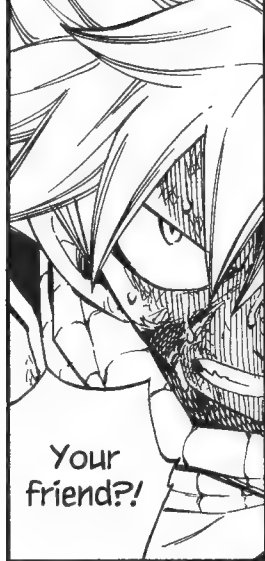


You
always did
have trouble
listening to
people.



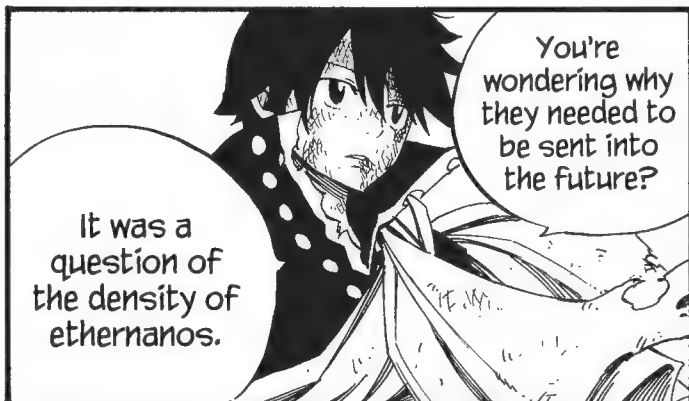
AA...

AA...



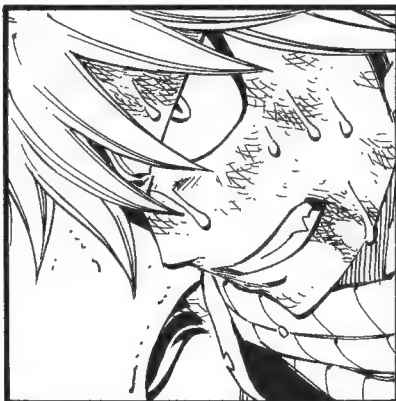


**All to defeat
Acnologia.**

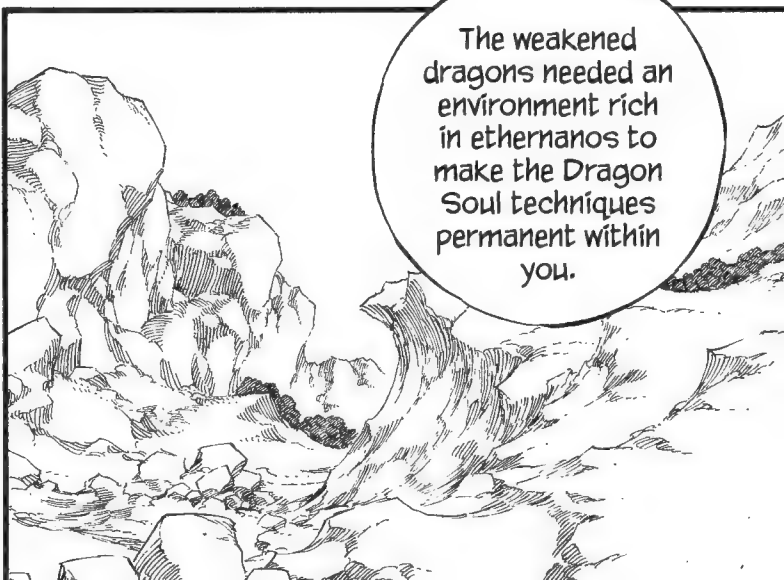


It was a
question of
the density of
ethernanos.

You're
wondering why
they needed to
be sent into
the future?



They
selected five
of you for
this plan.



The weakened
dragons needed an
environment rich
in ethernanos to
make the Dragon
Soul techniques
permanent within
you.



...and
Rogue.

Sting...

Wendy...

Gajeel...

Natsu...

I wanted you to
become strong
enough to finally
kill me.

Though
my goal
was not
Acnologia...

Well, you
had me,
but I was
taking part
in the plan
as well.

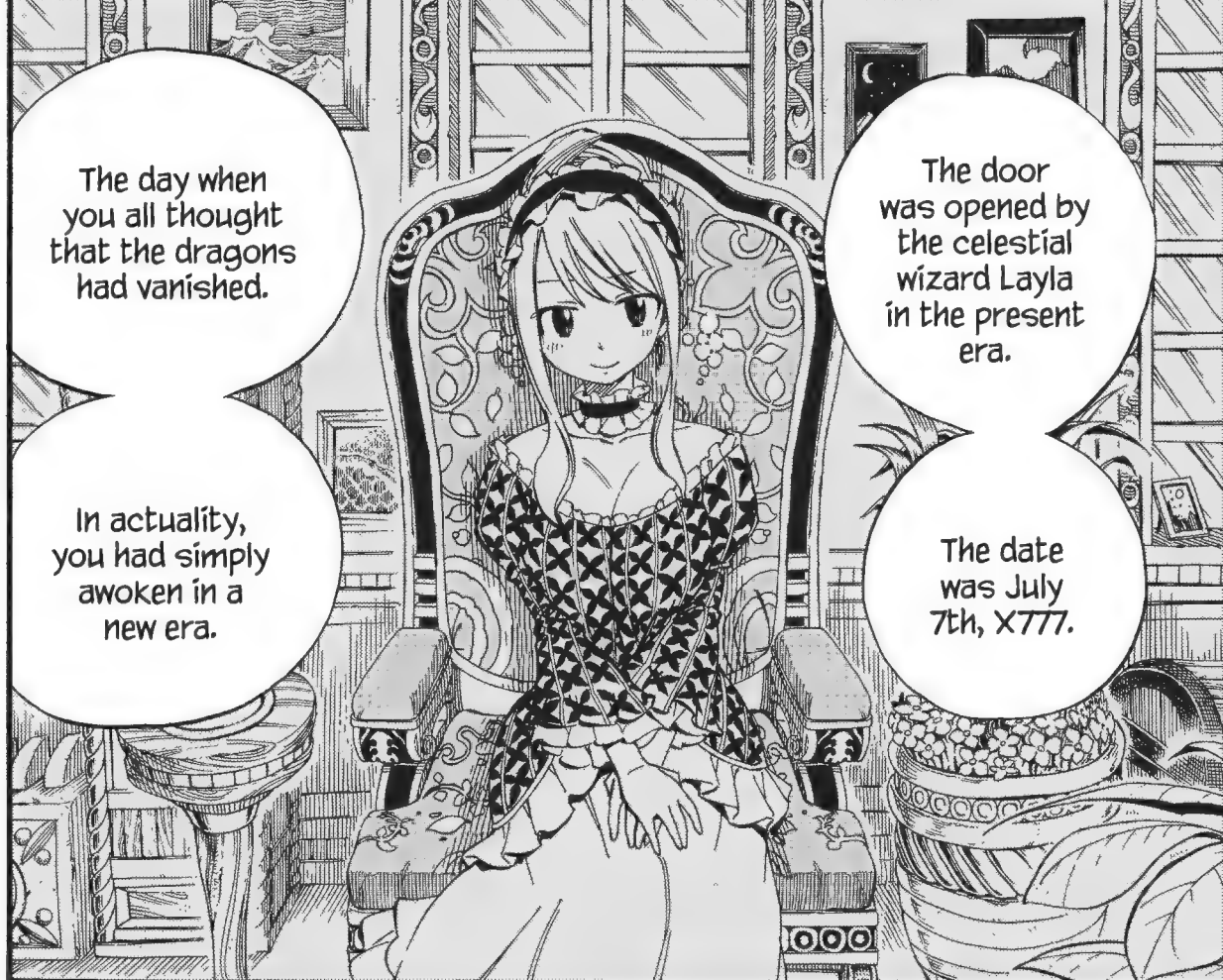
All children
with no human
ties left.

We simply told Anna's
clan of our plan, and they
passed the knowledge
down through generations
of their family until such
an age was at
hand.

We
had no
particular
era in
mind.

...and a
celestial
wizard by the name
of Anna
opened it
for us.

Thus,
the door to
the future,
Eclipse, was
built...



The day when
you all thought
that the dragons
had vanished.

The door
was opened by
the celestial
wizard Layla
in the present
era.

In actuality,
you had simply
awoken in a
new era.

The date
was July
7th, X777.



An era
400 years
after you were
born.



But it was simply too long.

I'd been through too much.

And I...

...waited all this time for you.



Then I met Mavis...

...and lost her, too.

I had seen ages come and go...

So many that I forgot the importance of a single human life.



Shut up!!



So I...



You expect me to believe that load of crap?!

WAAAAA






**So
what if
I do?!!!**



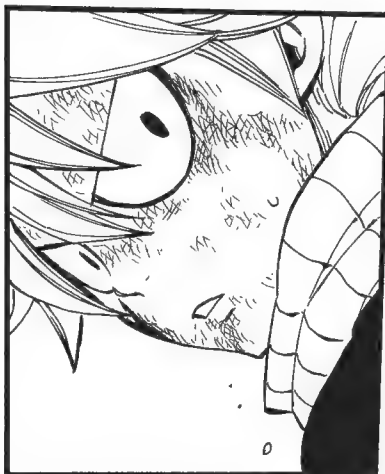
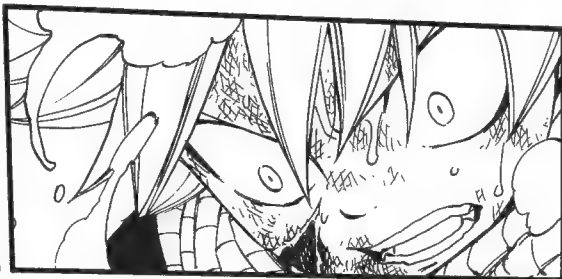
And this
is your very
last chance
to stop
me.



I already made
up my mind, and
I ain't changin'
it!!!! I'm here
to take you
down!!!!



**Natsu
!!!!**





***I don't
want
you to
die!!!***



***If I don't do it
now, I'll never
be able to beat
Zeref!!!!***

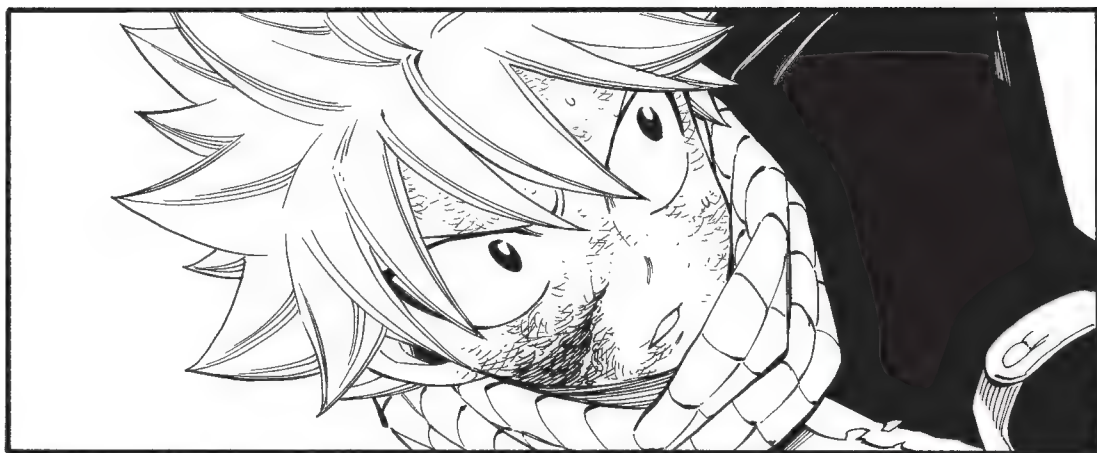
***SSST
7
7
7***

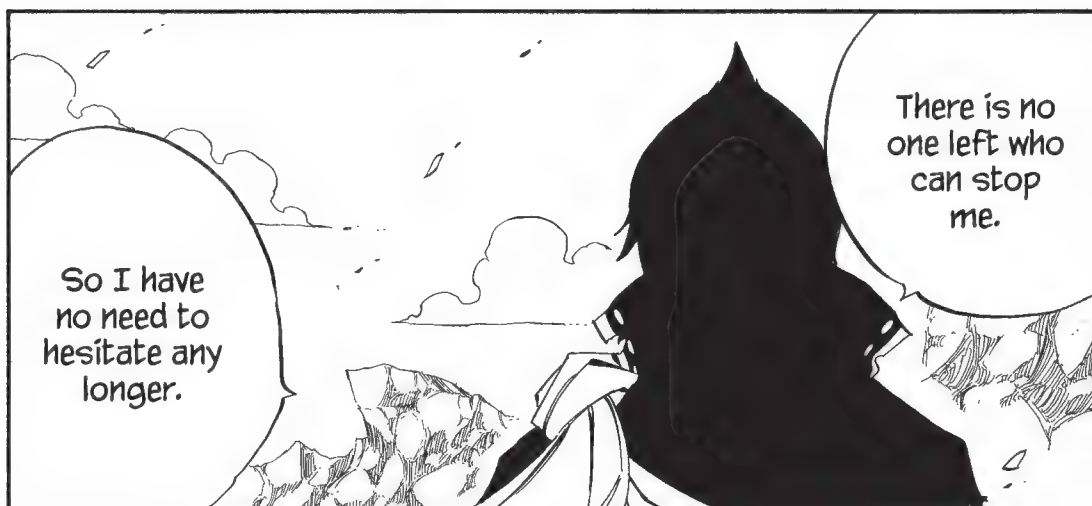
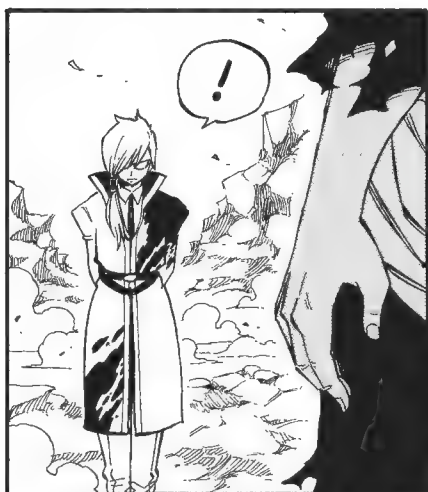
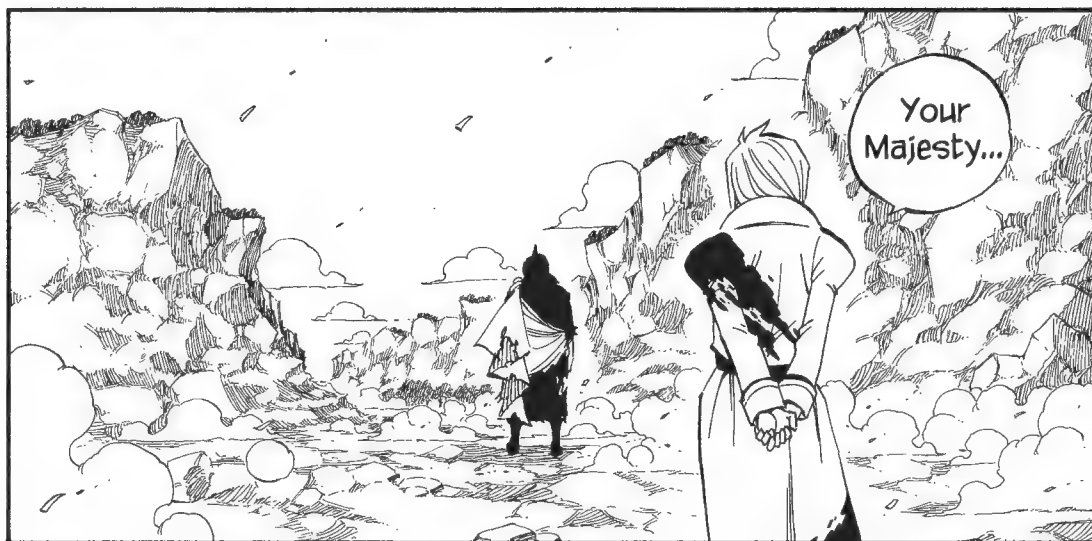
***Let me
down!!!! Igneel's
power is fadin'
away!!!!***



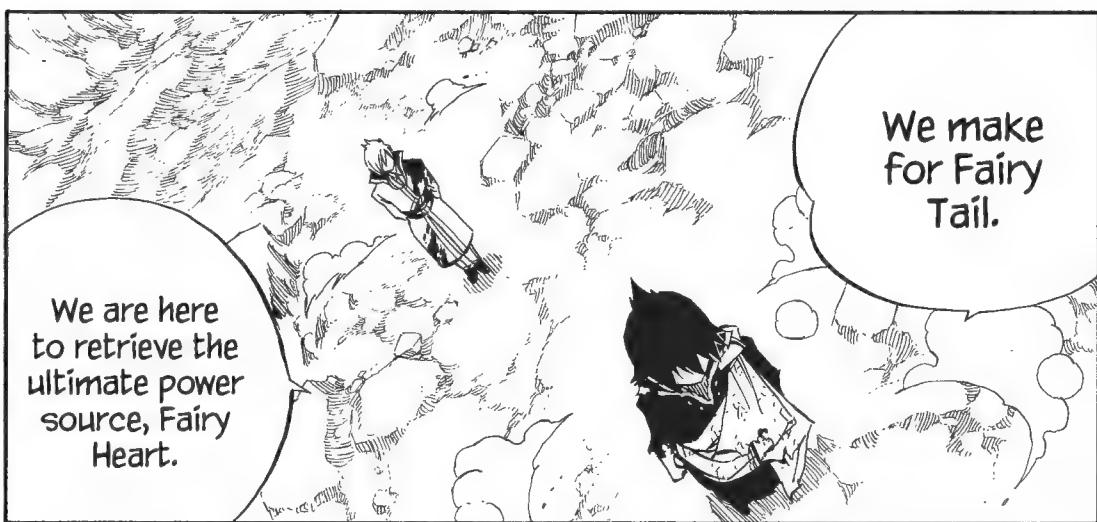
***Aren't
you my
friend,
too?!!!***

***I'm
your
friend,
Natsu
!!!!***





Chapter 466: Assassin





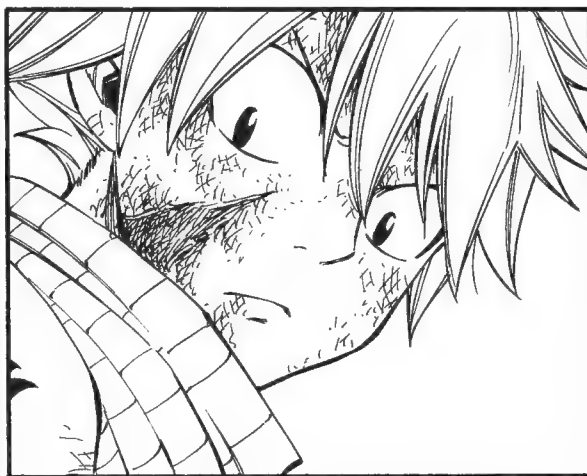
Something
more befitting
of an emperor.

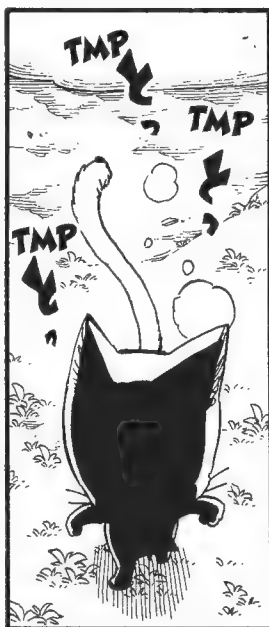
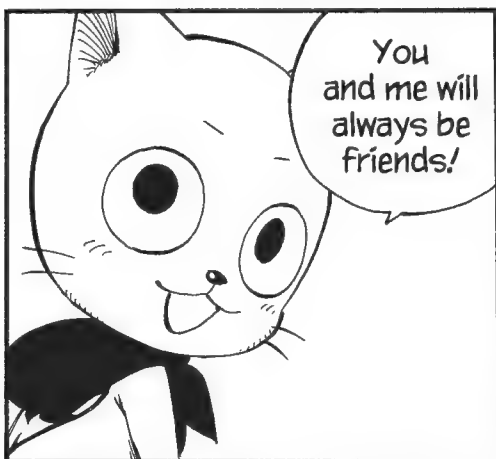


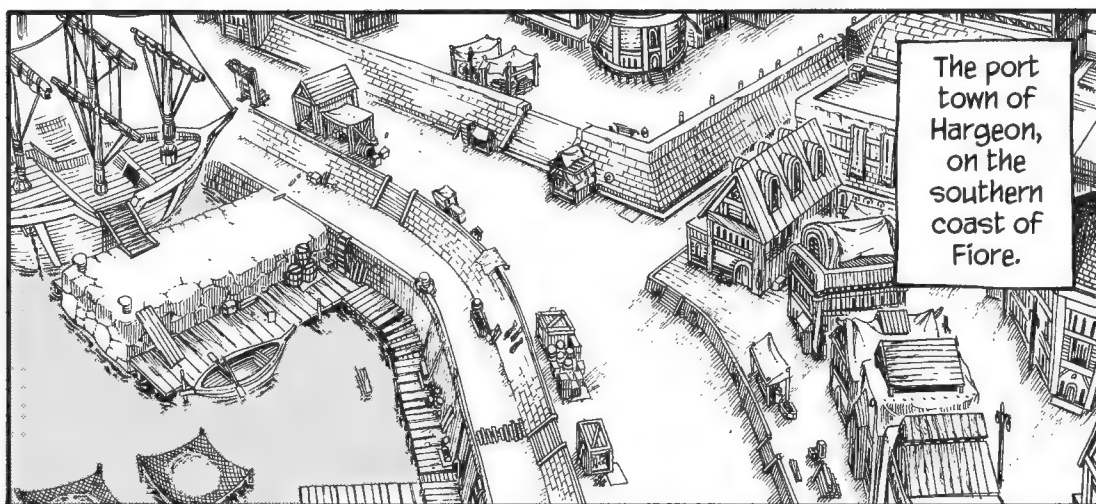
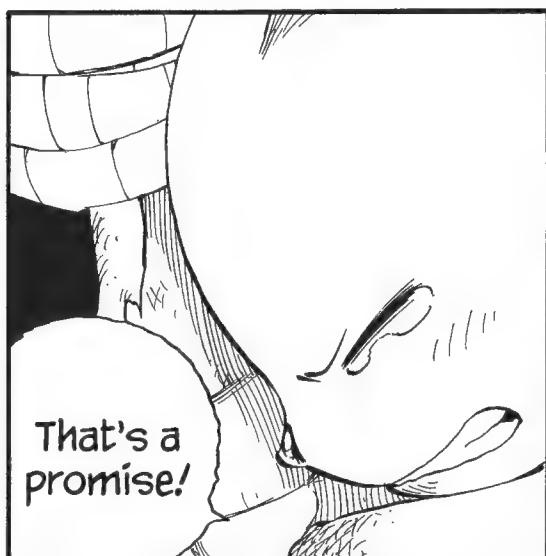
Happy.
How're your
paws?



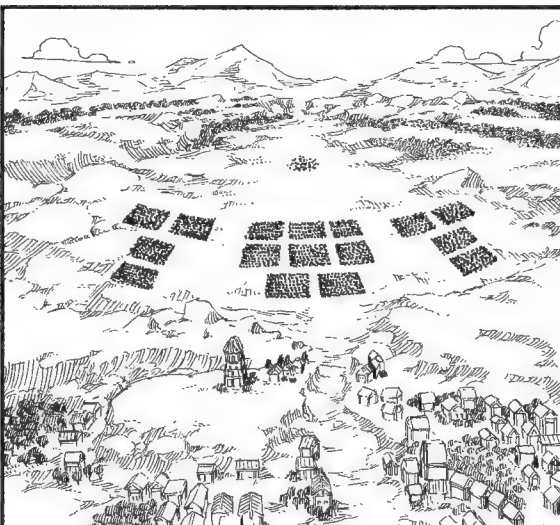
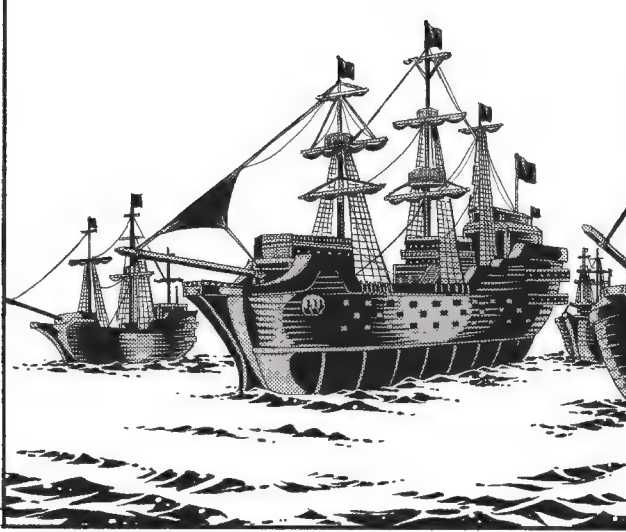
Aye. Just
fine.

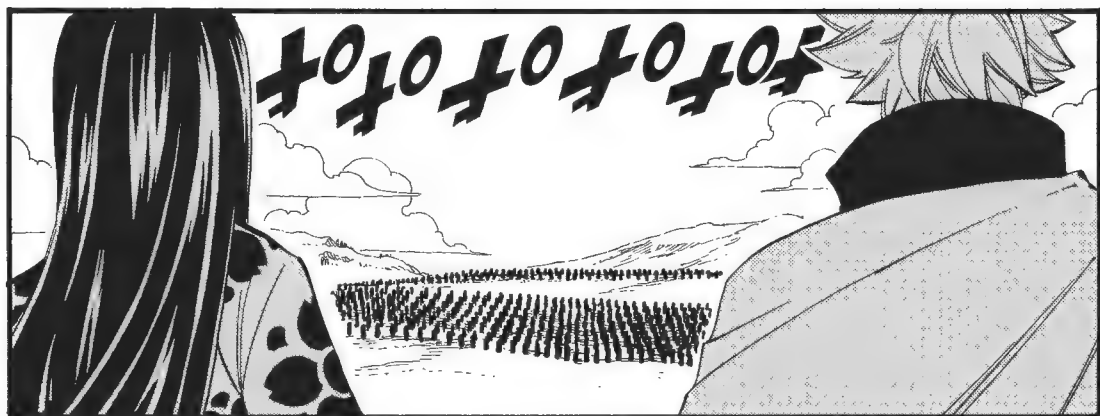


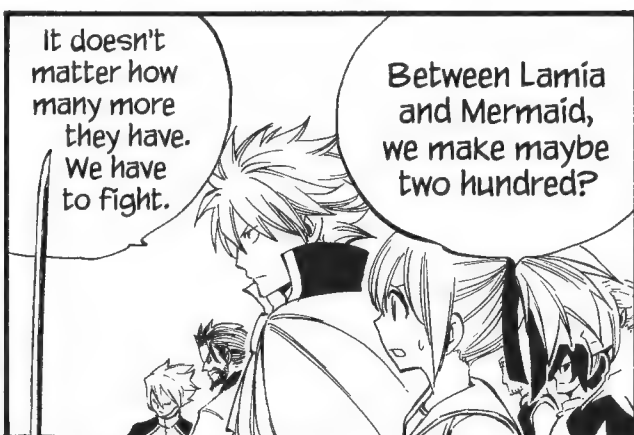
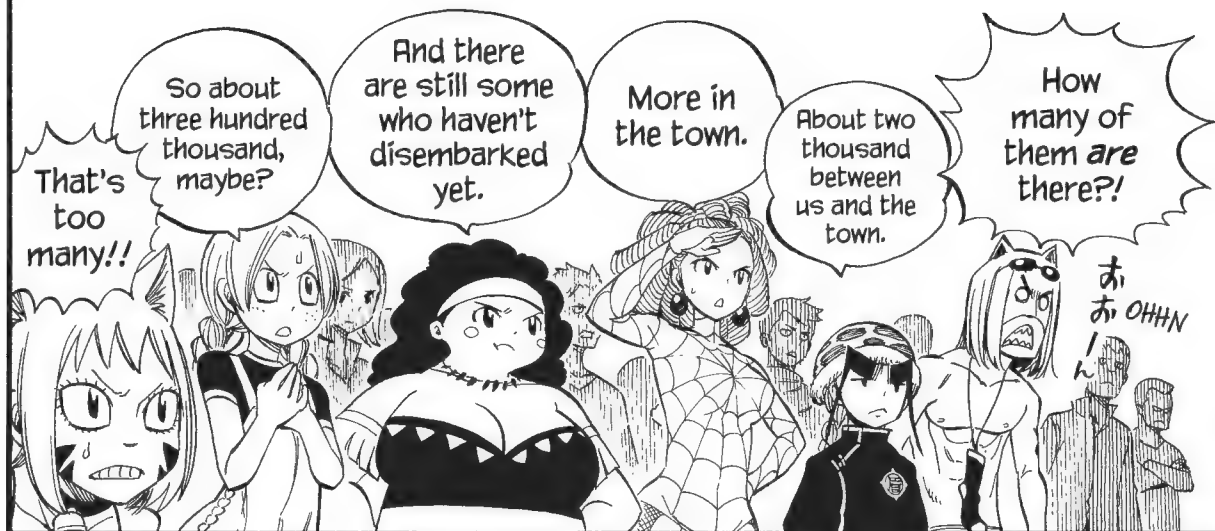














...about
the true
strength
of The 12!



These
arrogant
fools need to
be taught a
lesson...



Northern
Fiore...







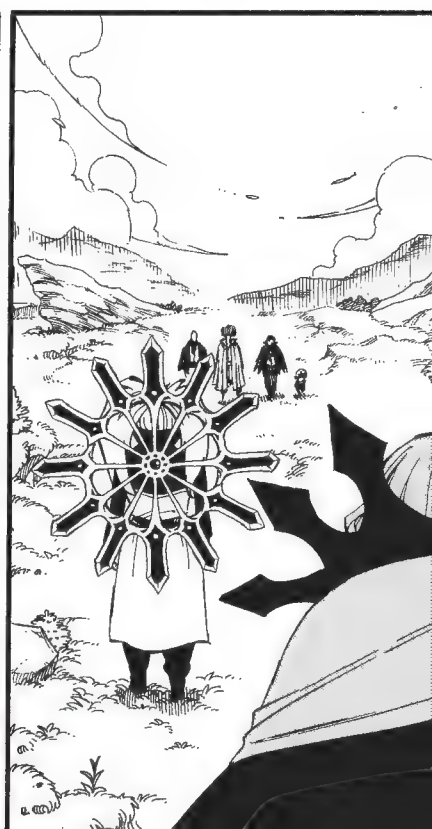
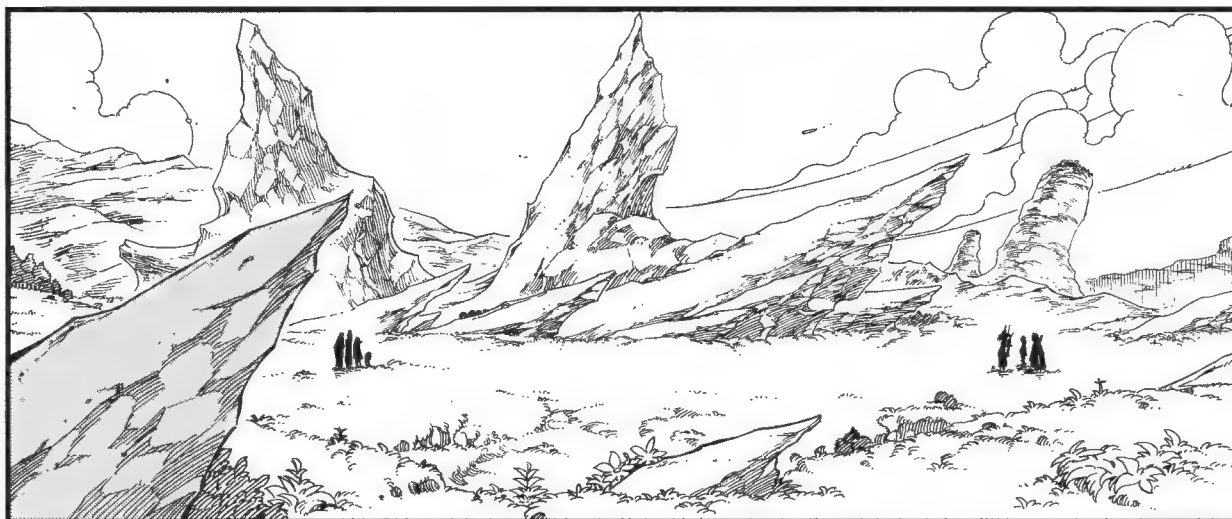
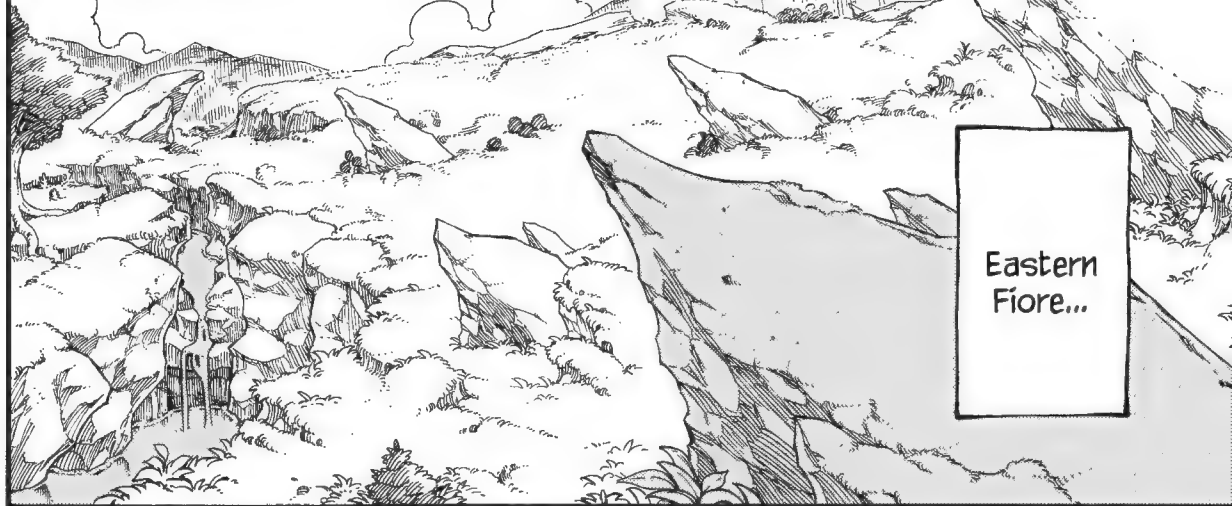
He's the
god of
death
!!!!

Just
run
away
!!!!

SPRIGGAN 12
BLOODMAN



The
god of
death...?



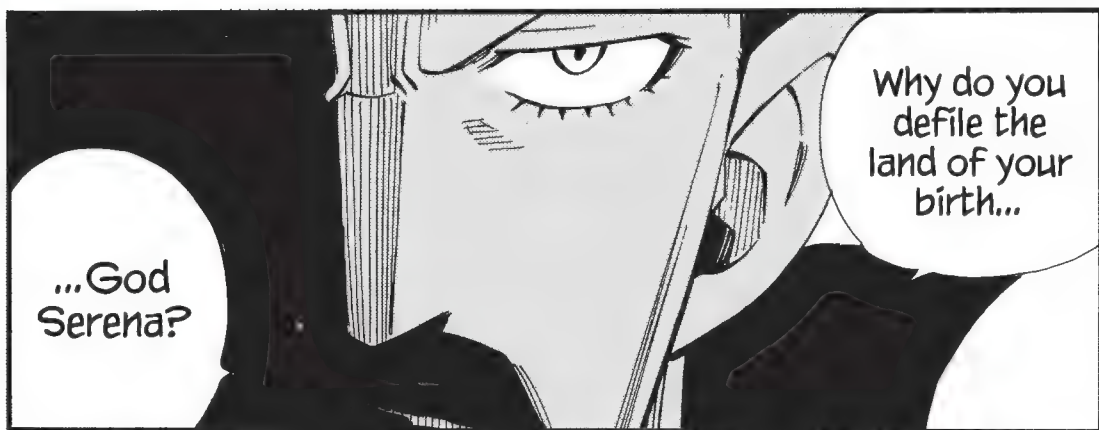


It was not just me. It was a joint effort between August, Jacob, and myself.



Are you the one who attacked the country of Bosco, you traitor?

Are you?



...God Serena?

Why do you defile the land of your birth...



...is one who is called the king of all magic, near and far, old and new—August.

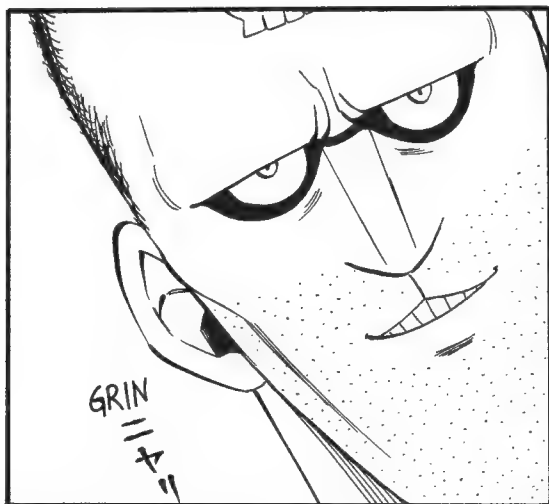


And behind him...

So, this is the highest-ranked Wizard Saint, God Serena-dono?



I like that face you're making, Draculos Hyberion.





Magnolia,
in western
Fiore...



Brandish-
sama...
WHISPER
WHISPER

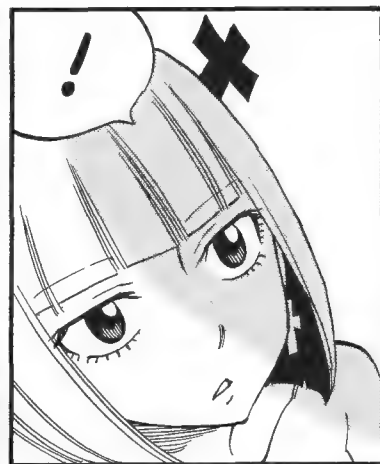
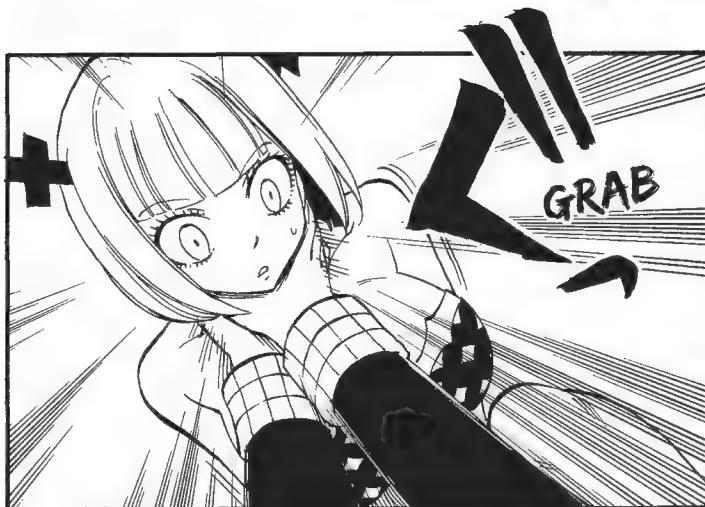


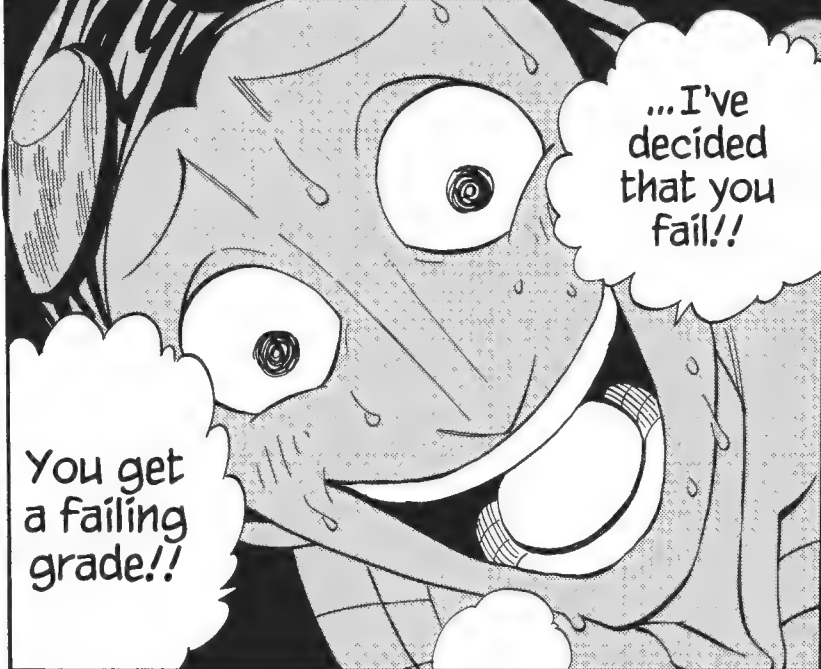
Marin!!



Found
you!

TA-DAAH







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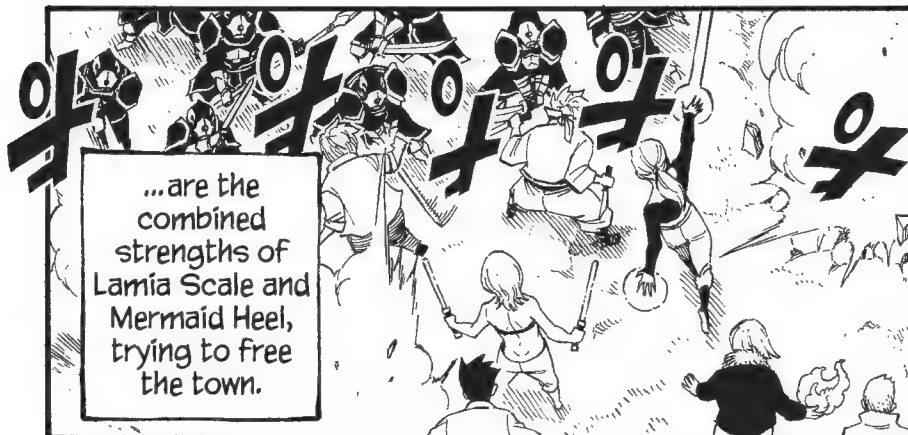
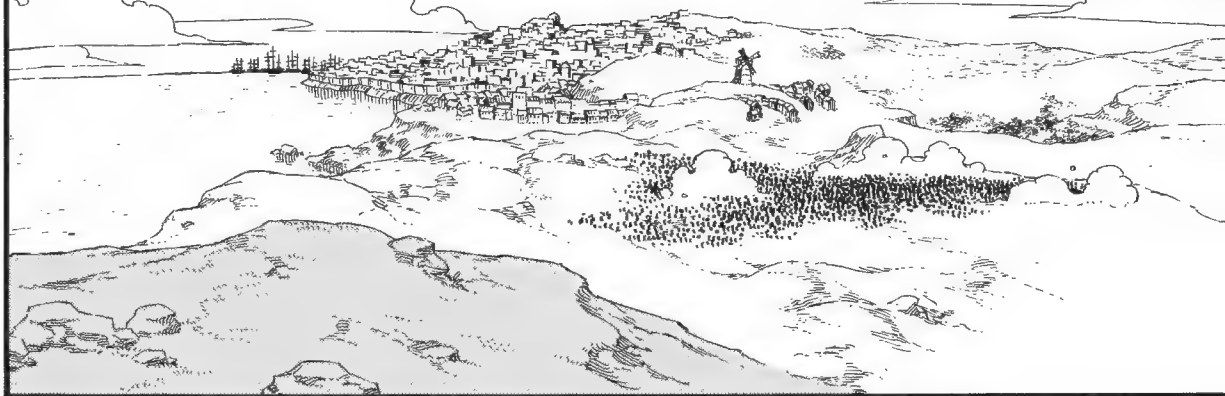
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Chapter 467: Mother's Key



✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂

The port town of Hargeon ...



...are the combined strengths of Lamia Scale and Mermaid Heel, trying to free the town.

The Alvarez forces have made the town their base, but standing against them...



SHIING

Ice Make...



They're ...

...a lot better than we thought!



TWIRL!!

WIRL!!

WIRL!!

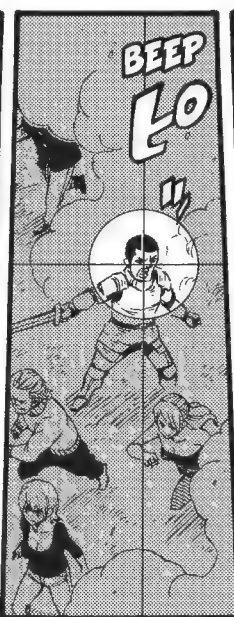
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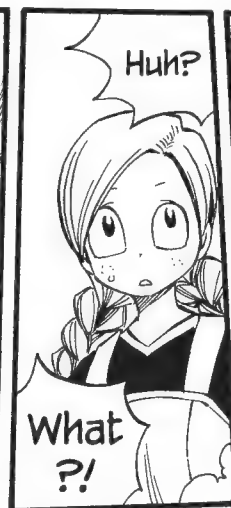
Eyaah!

GWO

TENJIN NO BOREAS*!!!!

*Sky God's Borias!!!!





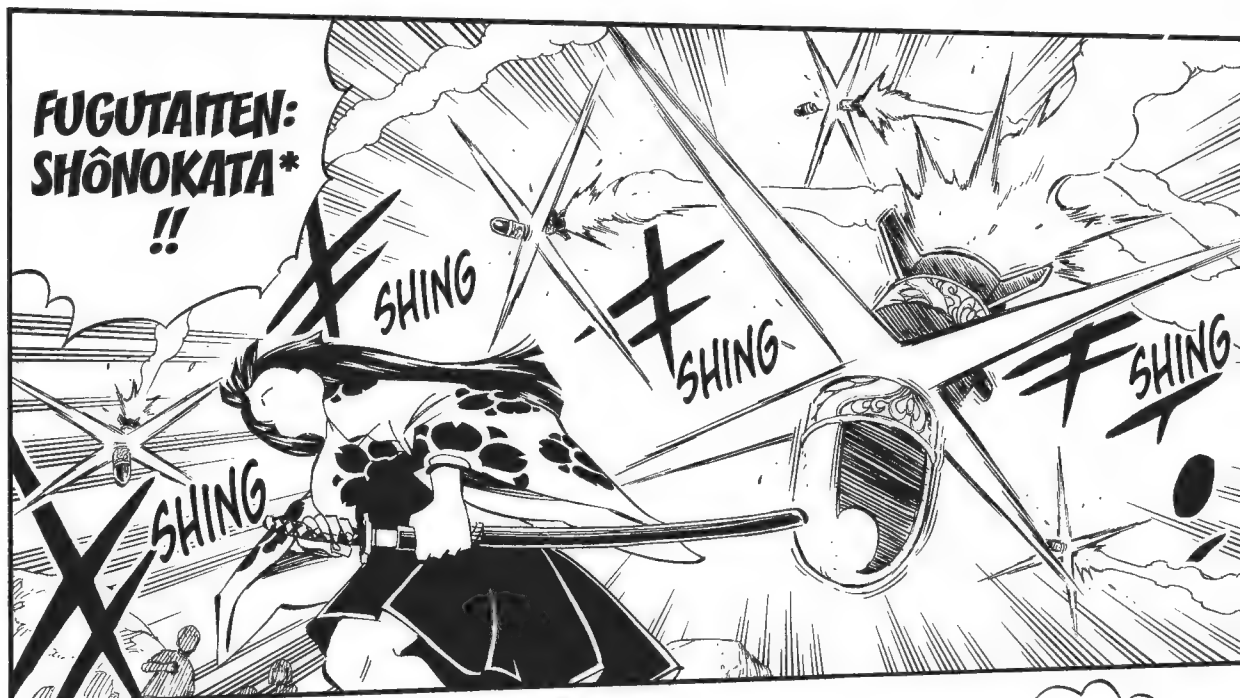


Leave them to me!!

Next!!
Next!!!



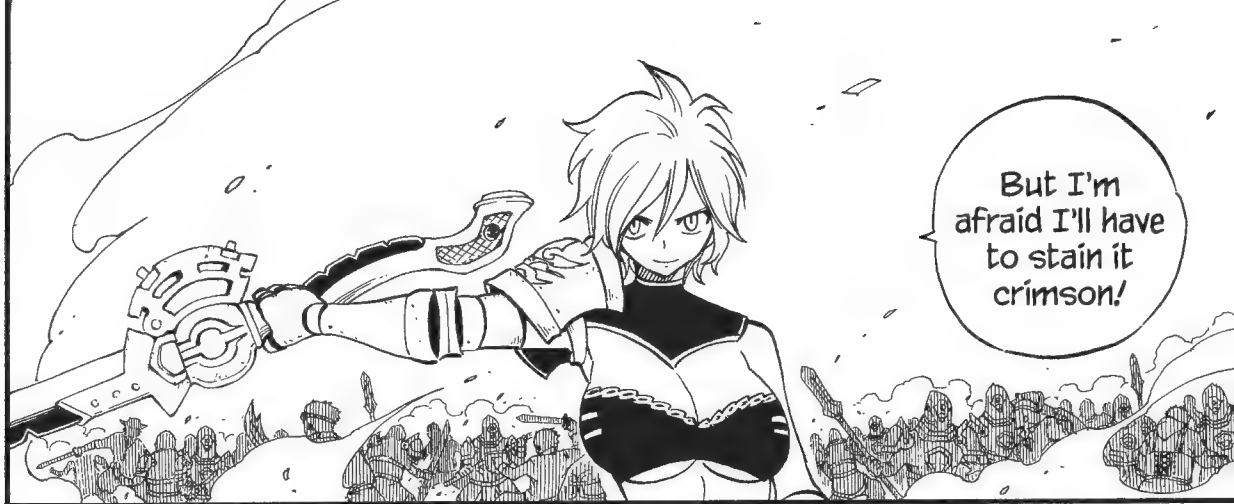
Kagura-chan!!
Magic attacks
are coming at
us from the
sky!!



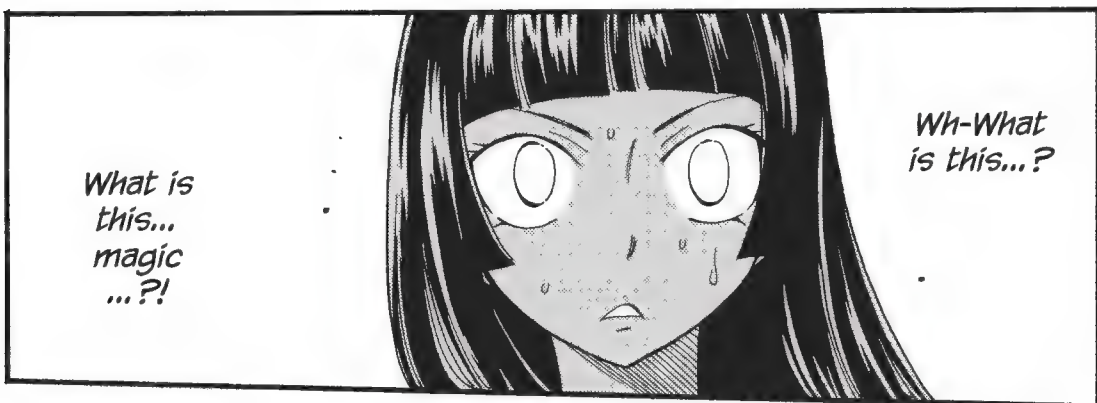
*Vengeance Sword: Archenemy: "Flight" Kata!!







But I'm afraid I'll have to stain it crimson!



What is this... magic...?!

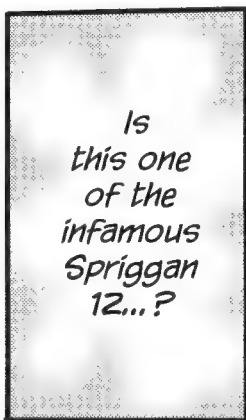
Wh-What is this...?



JOLT

!

SHIVER

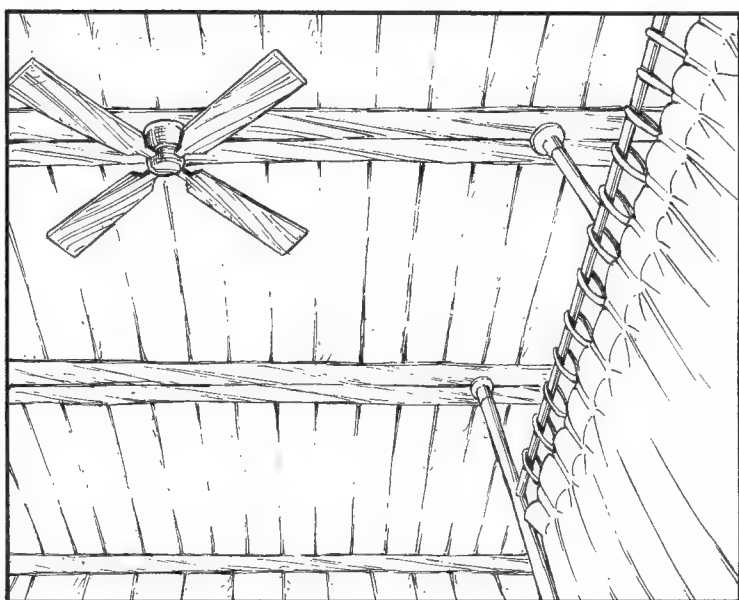
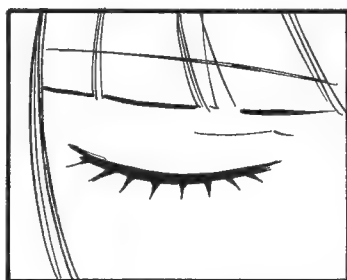
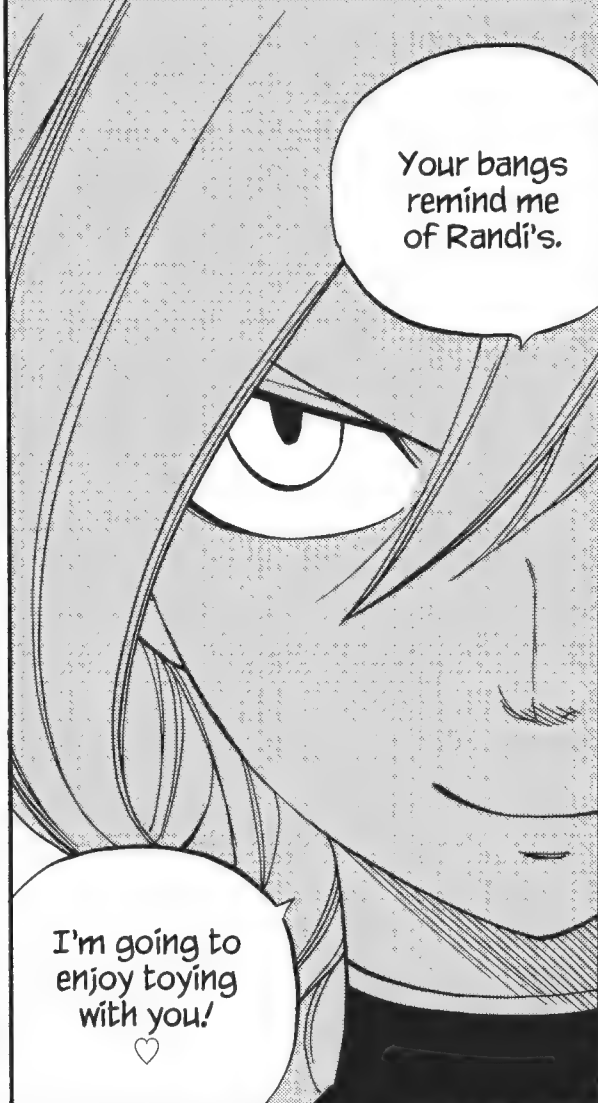


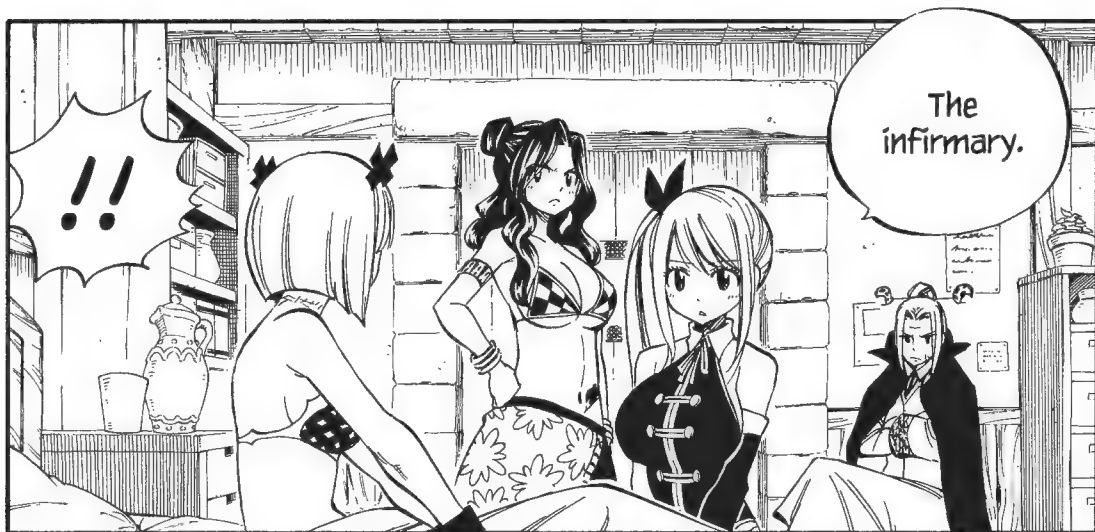
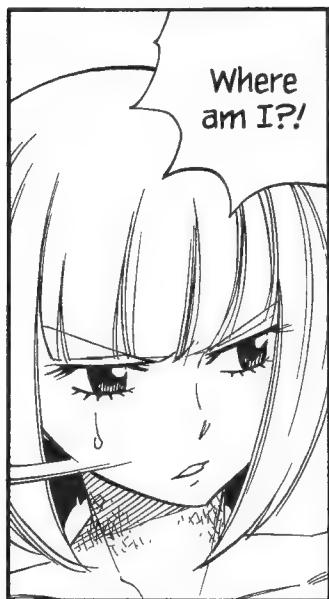
Is this one of the infamous Spriggan 12...?

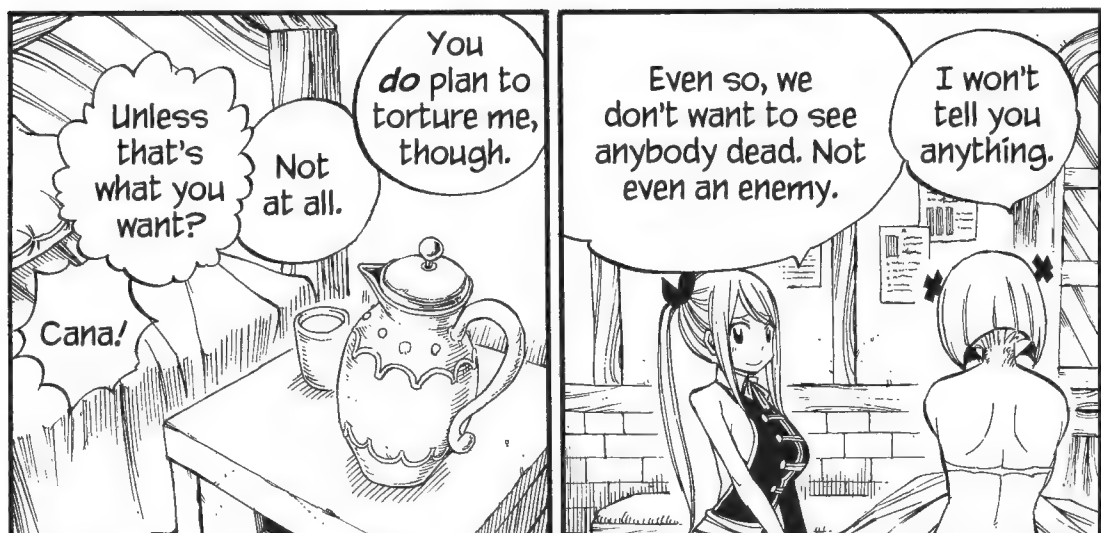
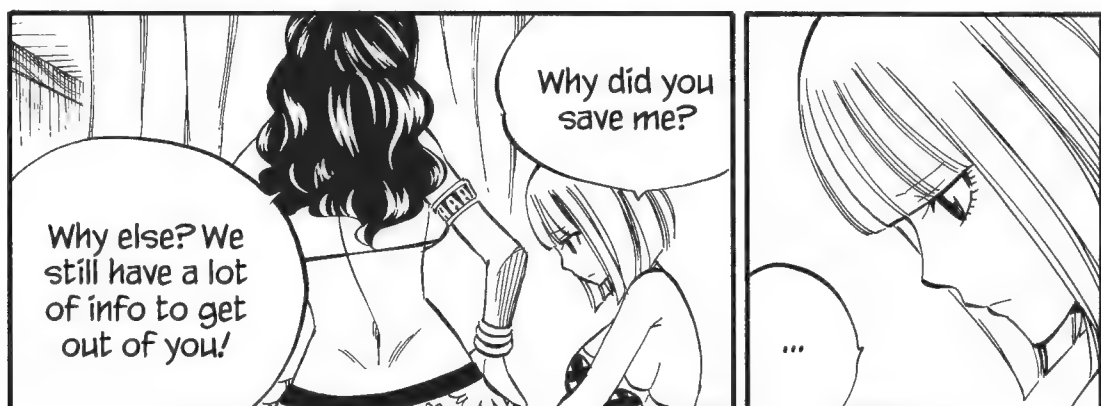
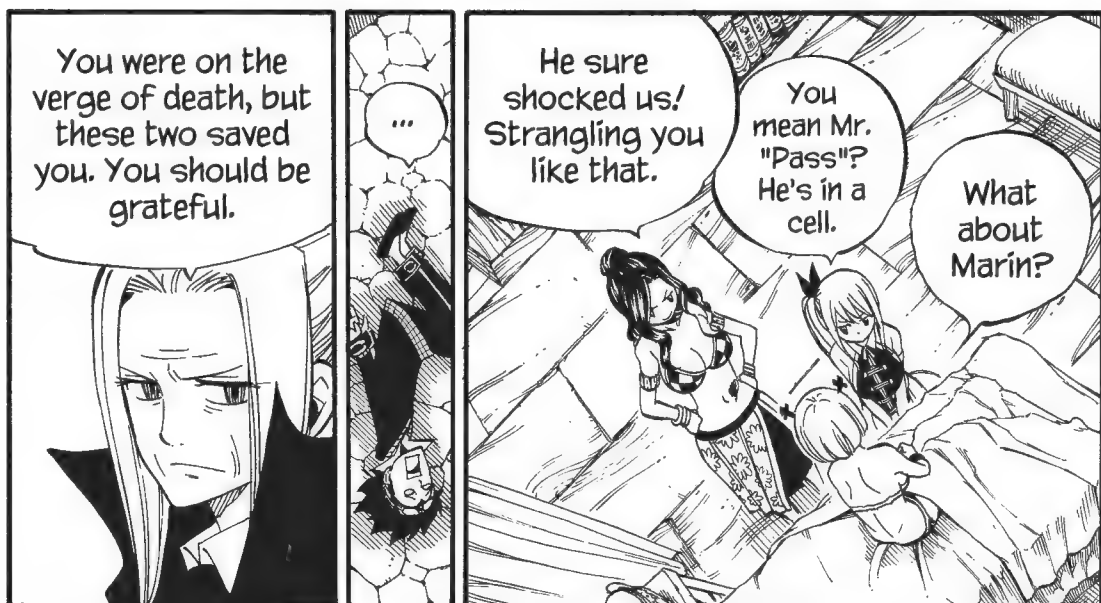


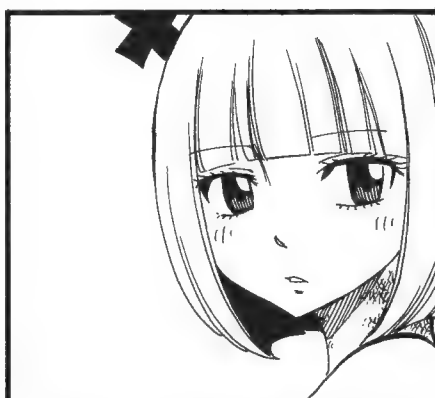
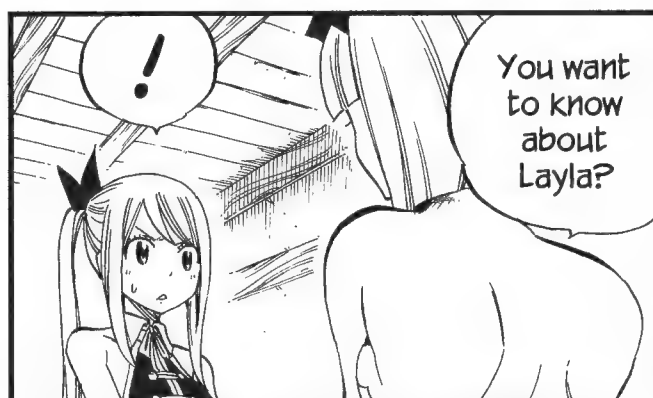
...has frozen the battlefield solid...

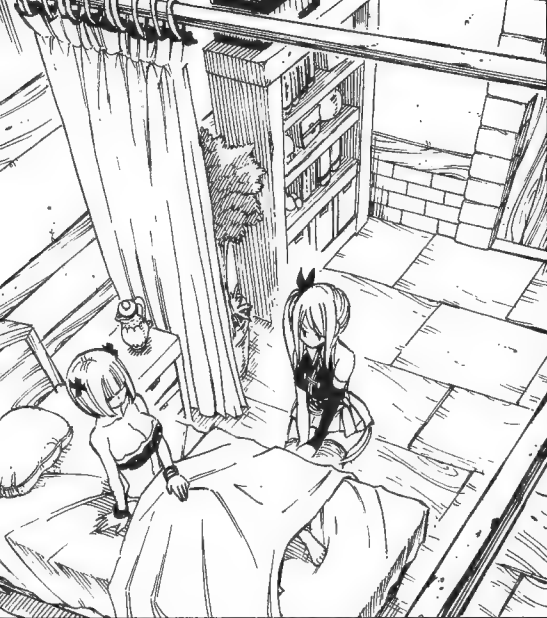
The overwhelming strength of her magic...

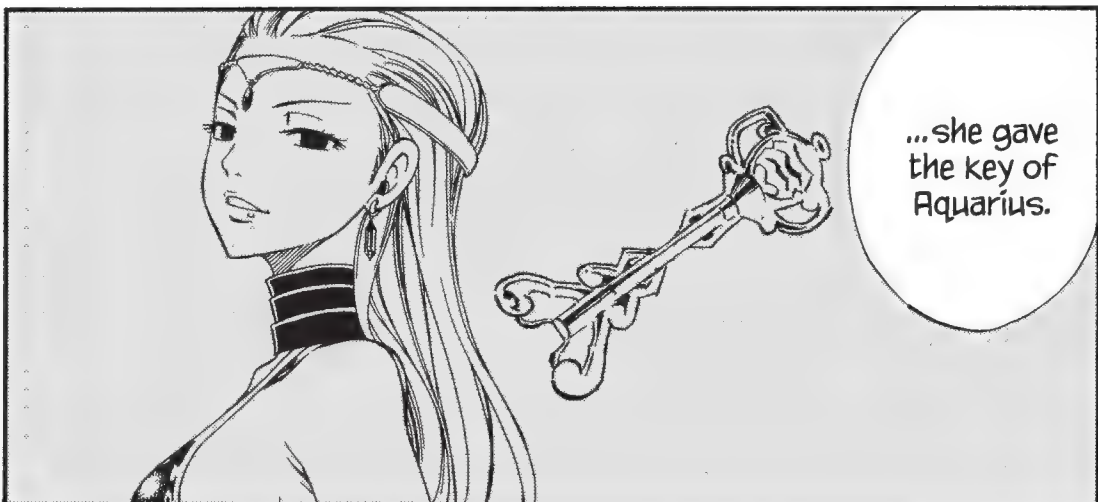
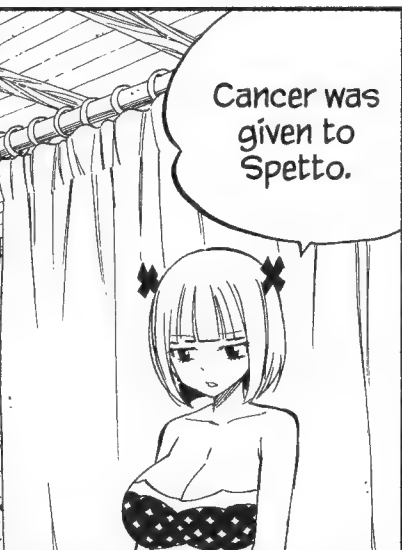
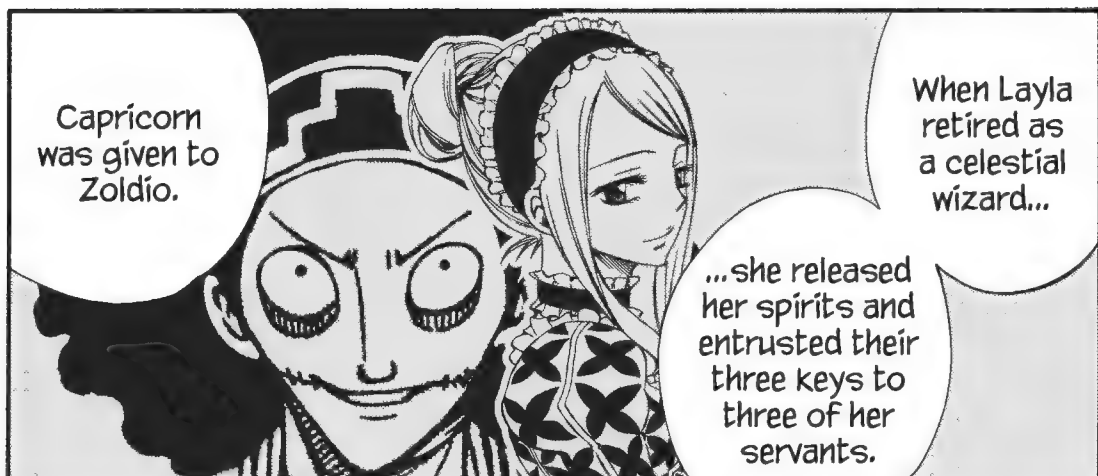


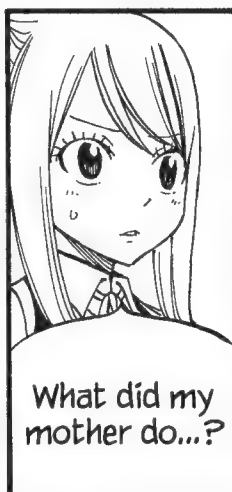
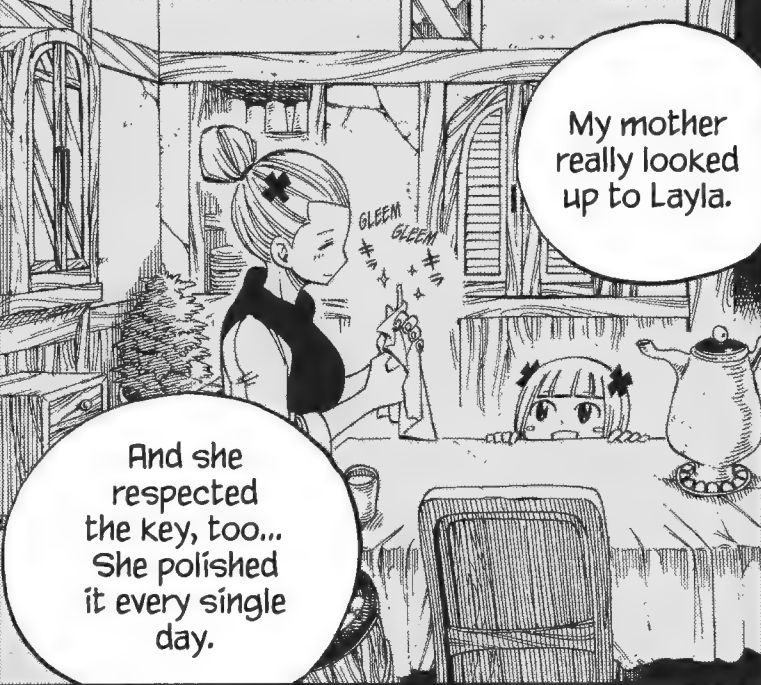














Layla came to
steal the key
back, and she
murdered my
mother to get
it!

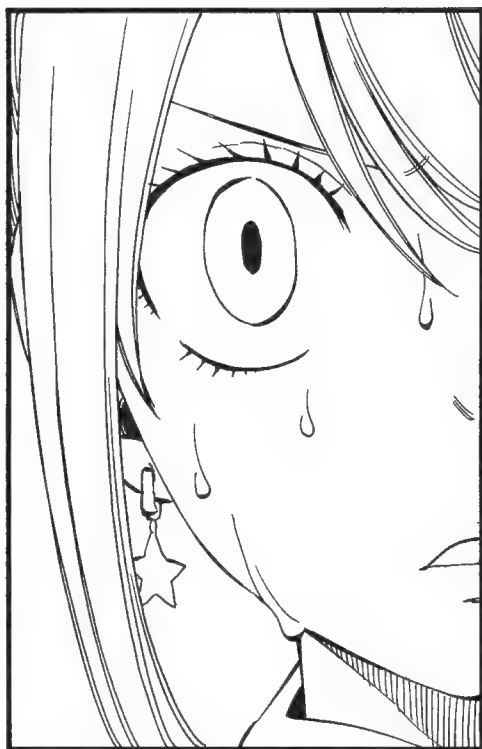


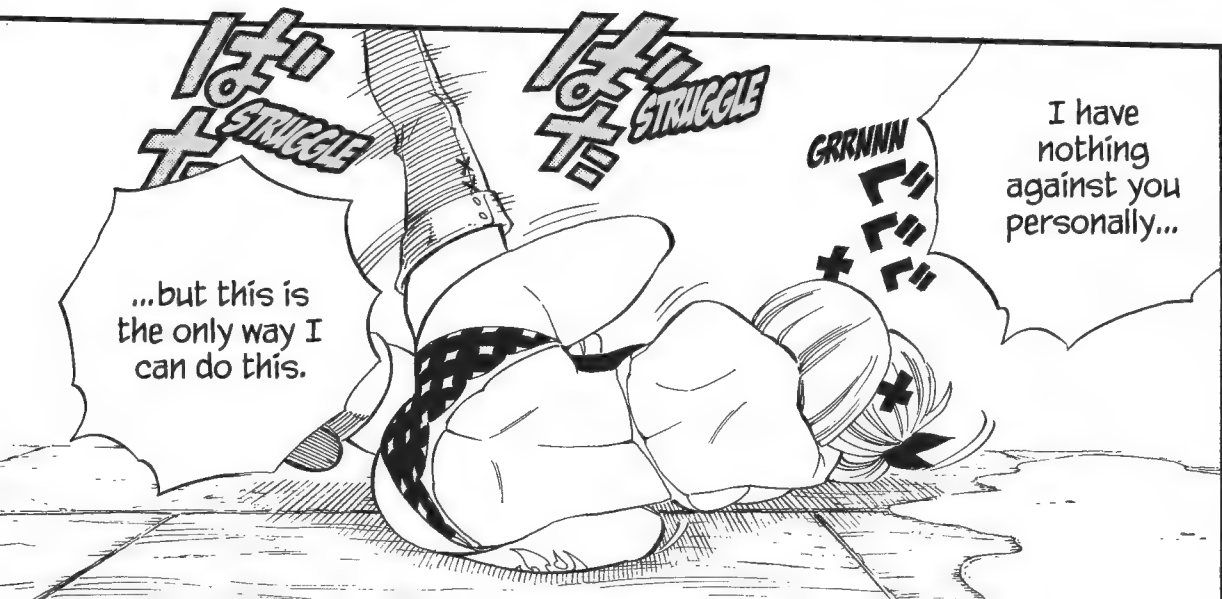
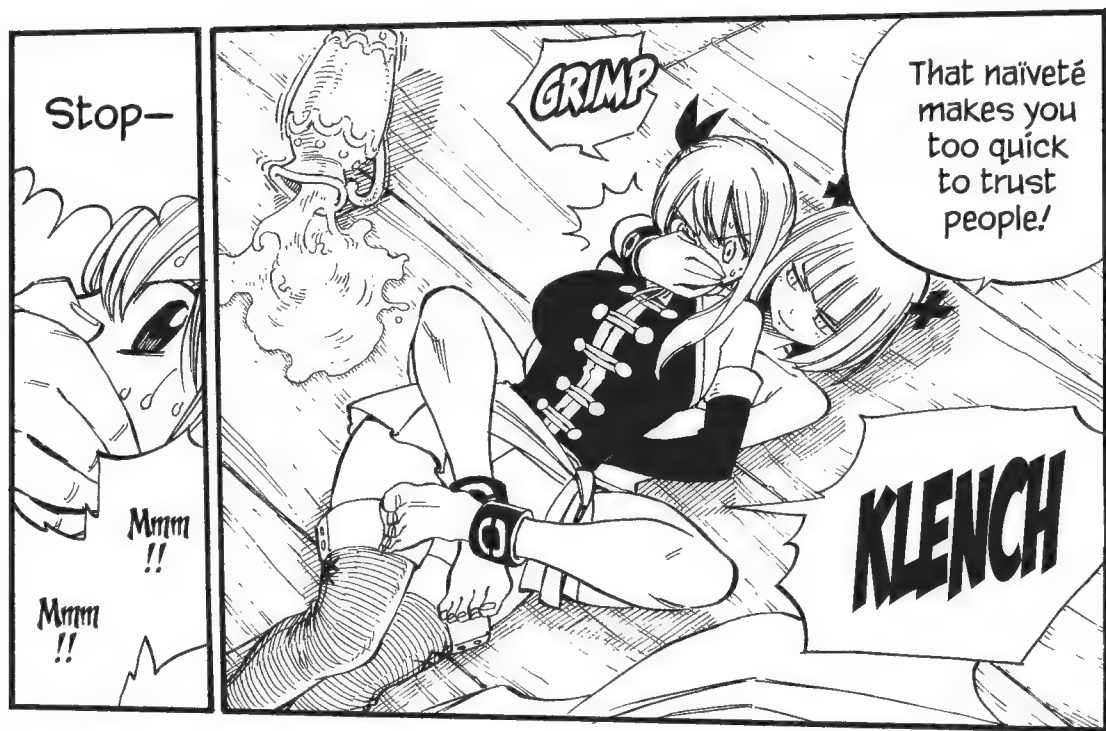
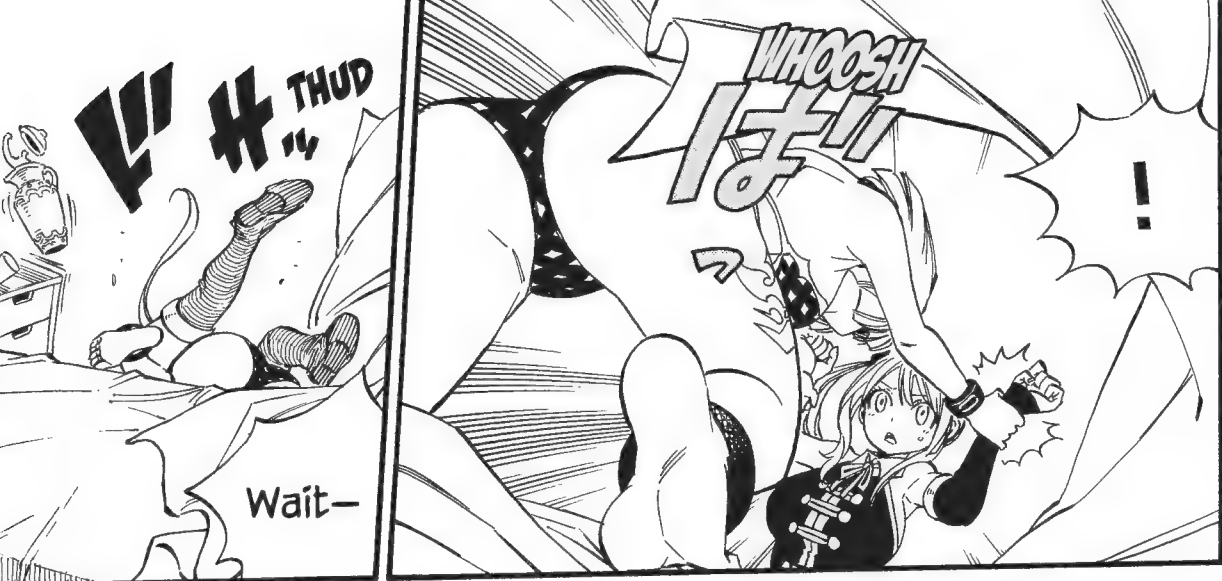
You're so
naïve!

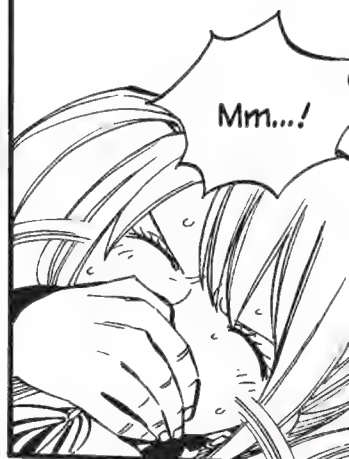
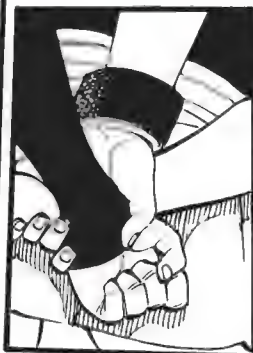
That
can't be
possible...

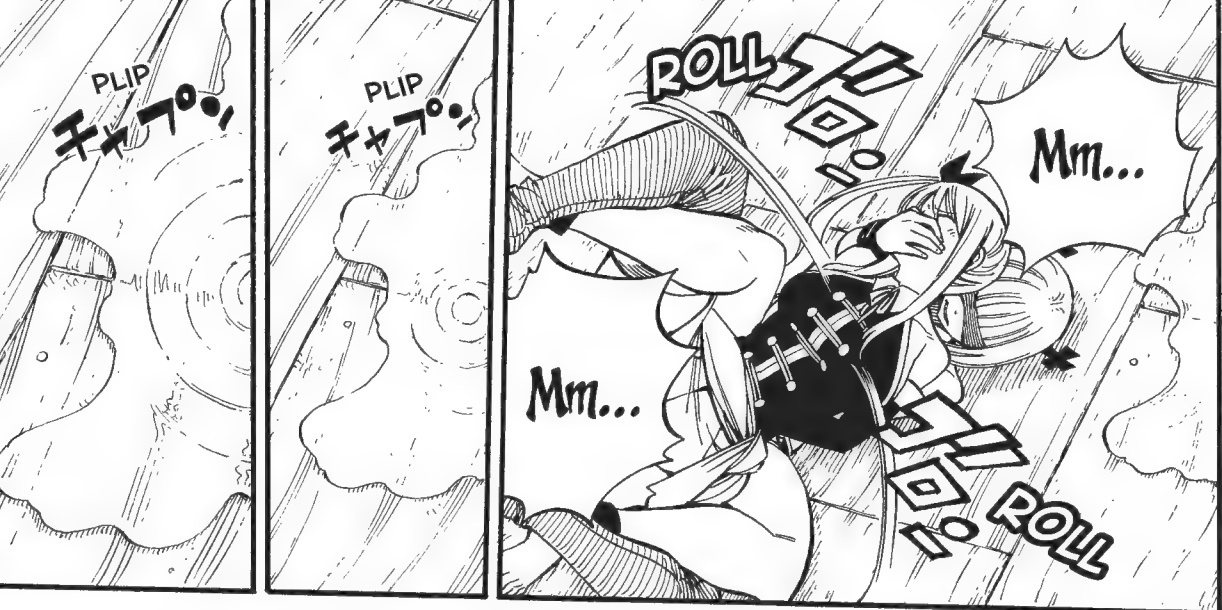


You only
believe in the
world that
you see!



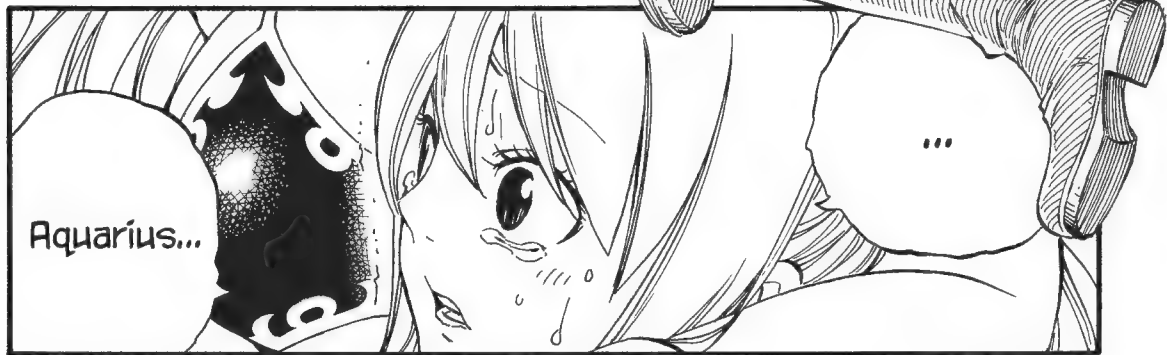








What were
you saying
about my
key?



Aquarius...

...

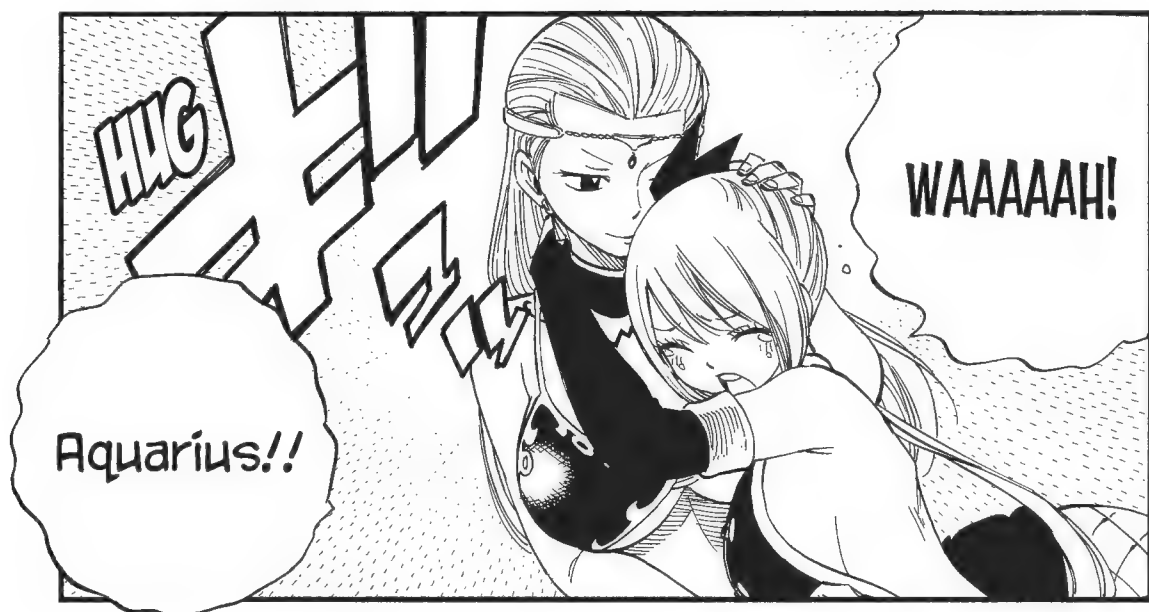
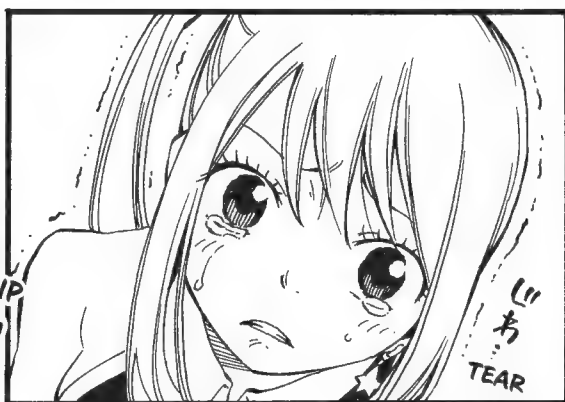
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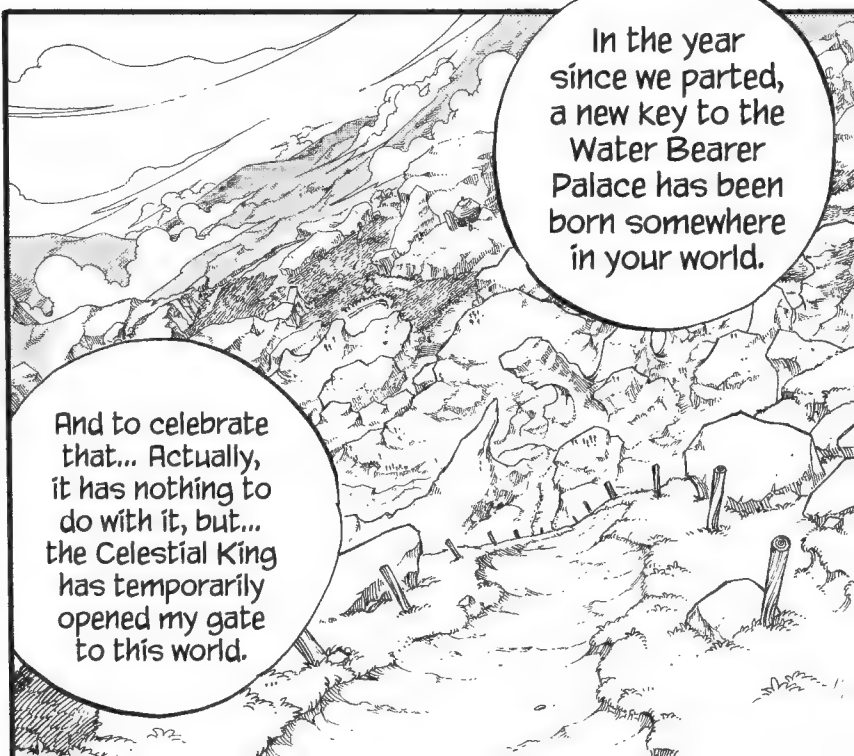
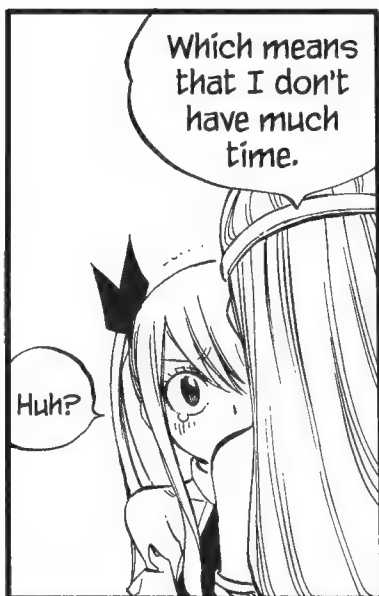
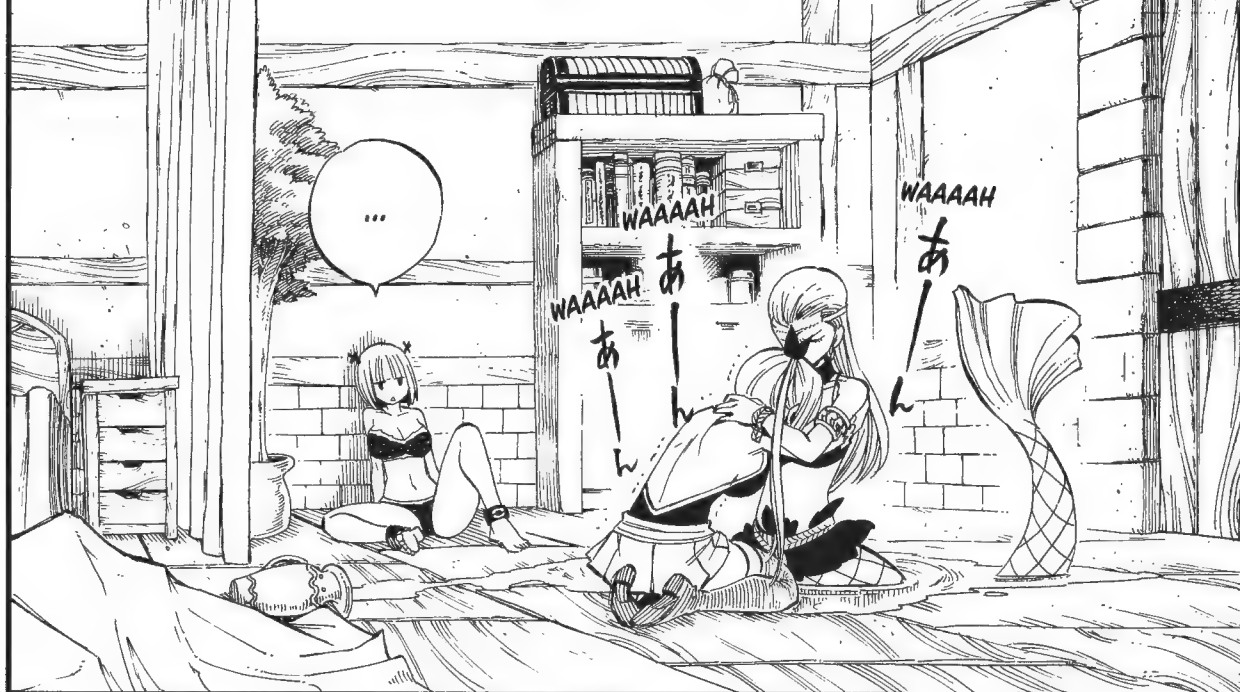
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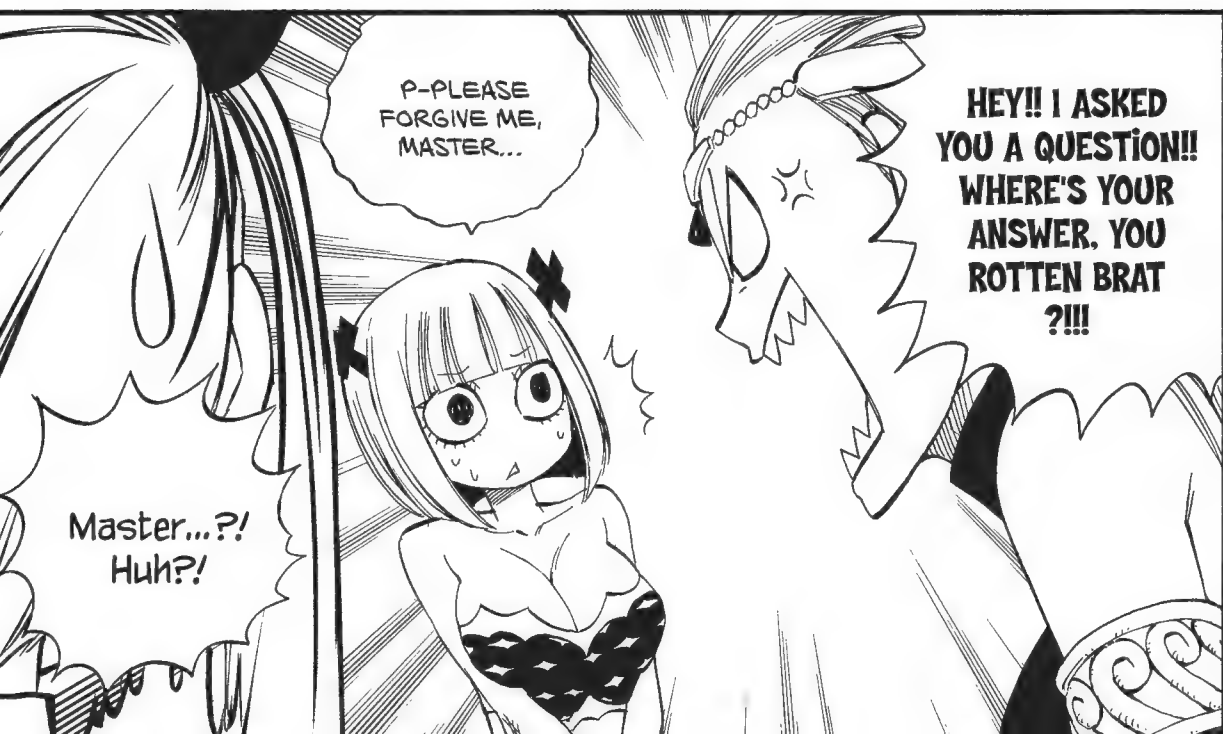
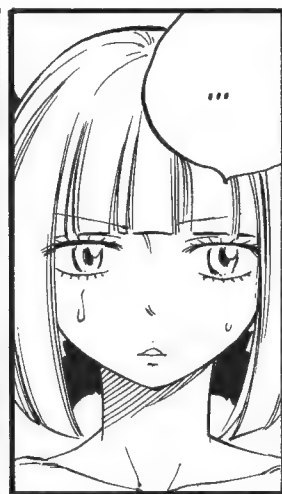
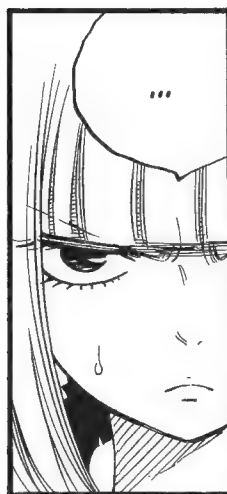
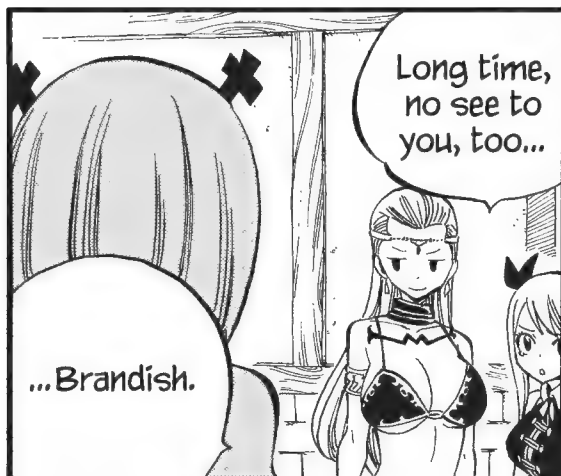
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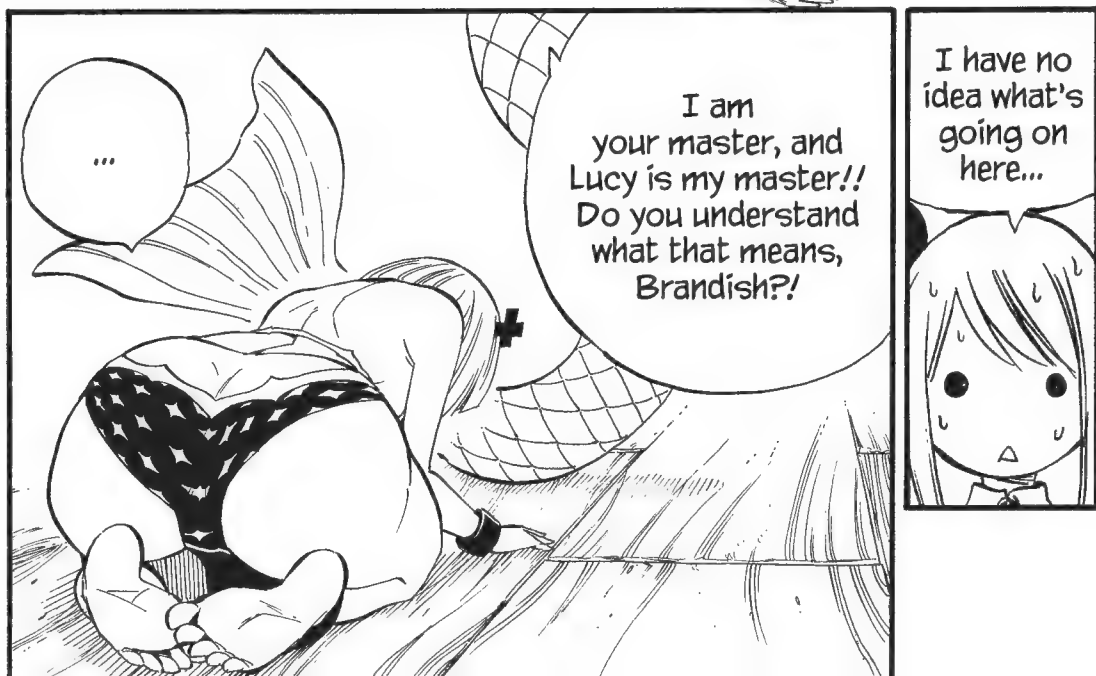
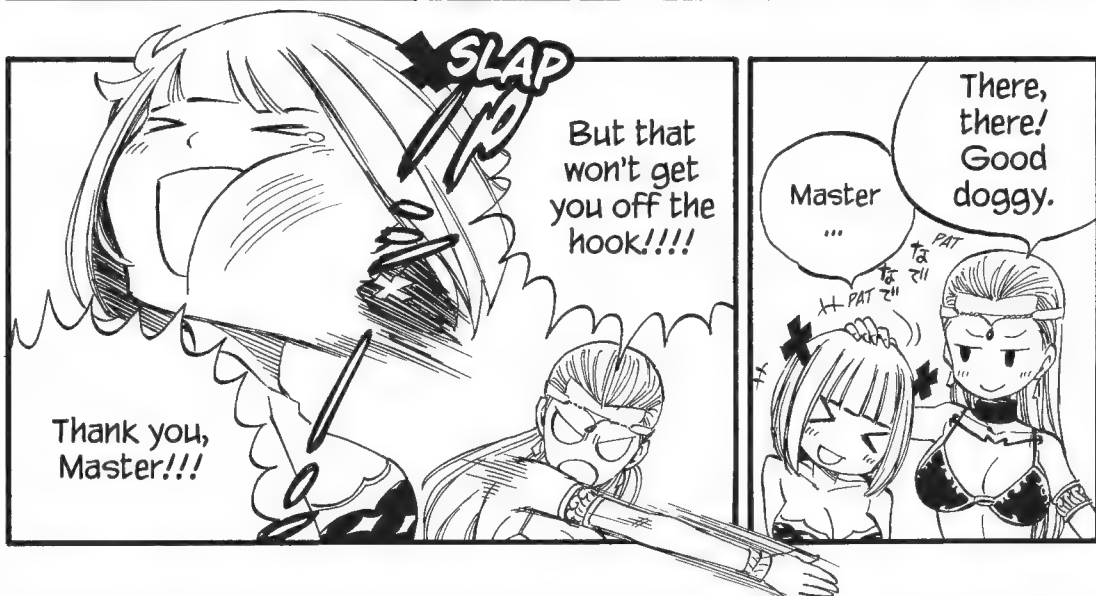
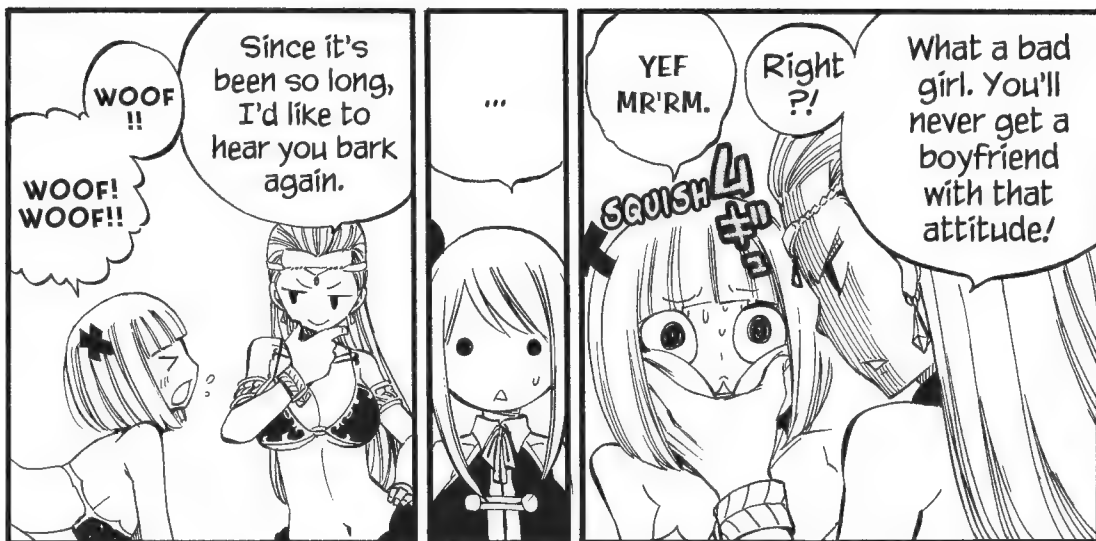


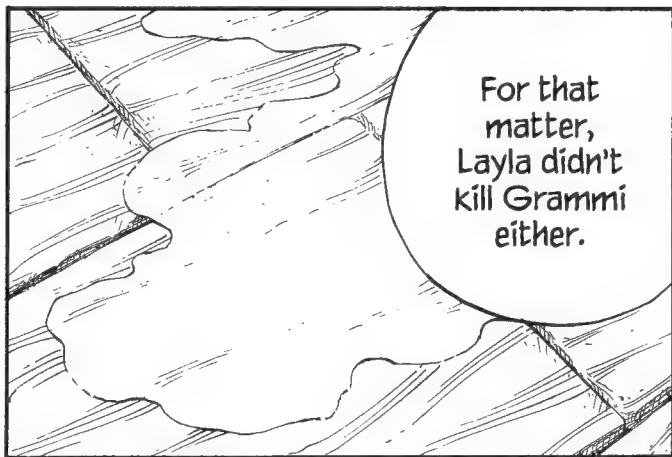
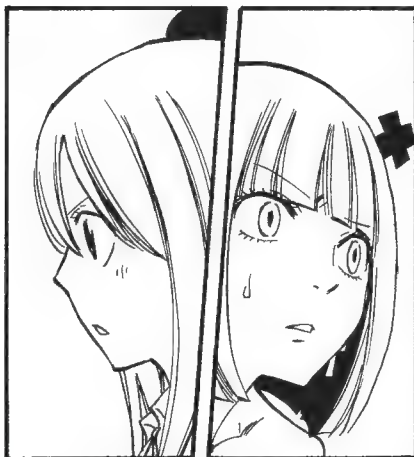














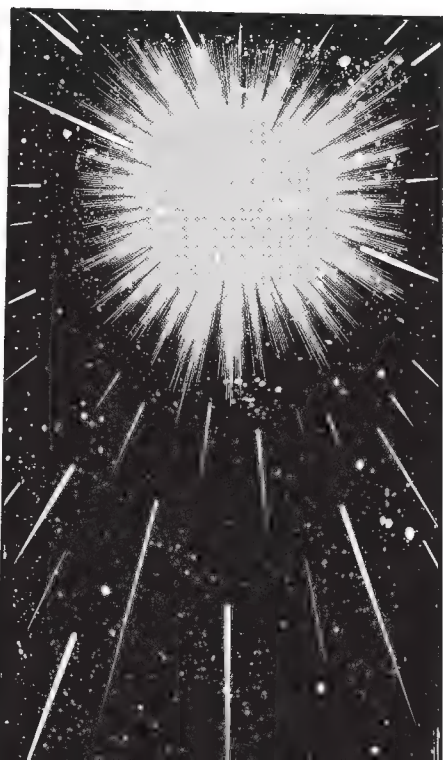
I'm a
mermaid
?!!

What is
this?!!

TA-DAAH



Wait!
First, where
are we?!





That is
Anna Heartfilia,
Lucy's distant
ancestor.

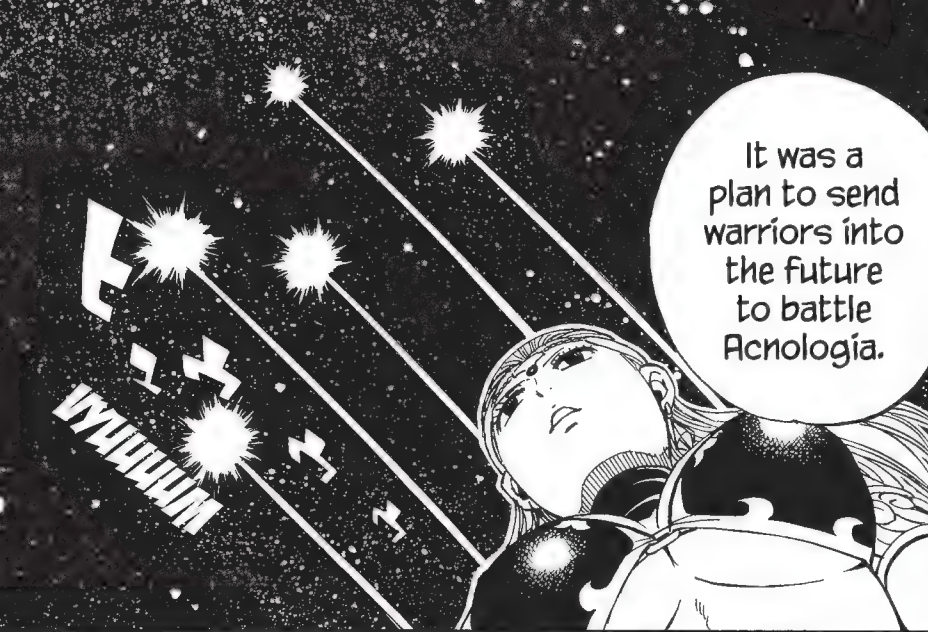
She
was a great
celestial
wizard.



The Black Wizard,
dragons, and celestial
wizards developed a
plan and put it into
operation.



This is
400 years
ago.

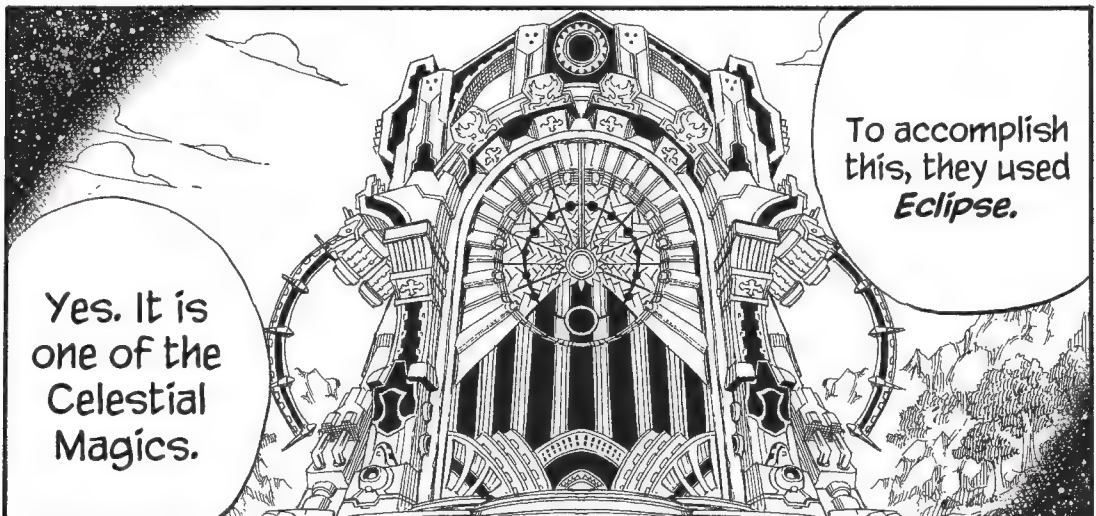


It was a plan to send warriors into the future to battle Acnologia.



His Majesty ?!

Zeref?!



Yes. It is one of the Celestial Magics.

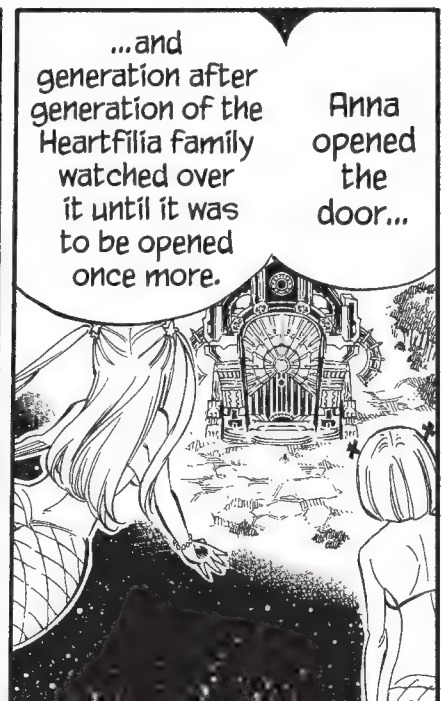
To accomplish this, they used *Eclipse*.



Without them, you get accidents like what happened during the Grand Magic Games.

Normally, you need a celestial wizard at both the entrance and exit of the Eclipse door.

What does that mean?



...and generation after generation of the Heartfilia family watched over it until it was to be opened once more.

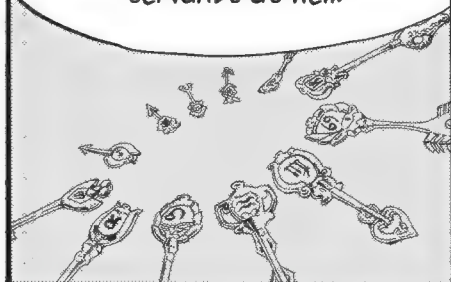
Anna opened the door...



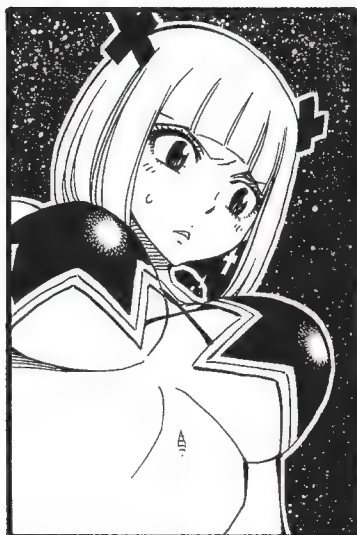
The Heartfilia family knew the door would need to be opened at some point in the future, and so they patiently guarded it for hundreds of years.



To open the door, you need all twelve of the Golden Keys. To assemble them, Layla called a gathering of all the celestial wizards, and attempted to retrieve the three keys she had entrusted to her servants as well.



The responsibility of opening it ultimately fell upon Layla.



But Grammi had crossed to the western continent, and could not be reached.

So there was one key missing. Mine.

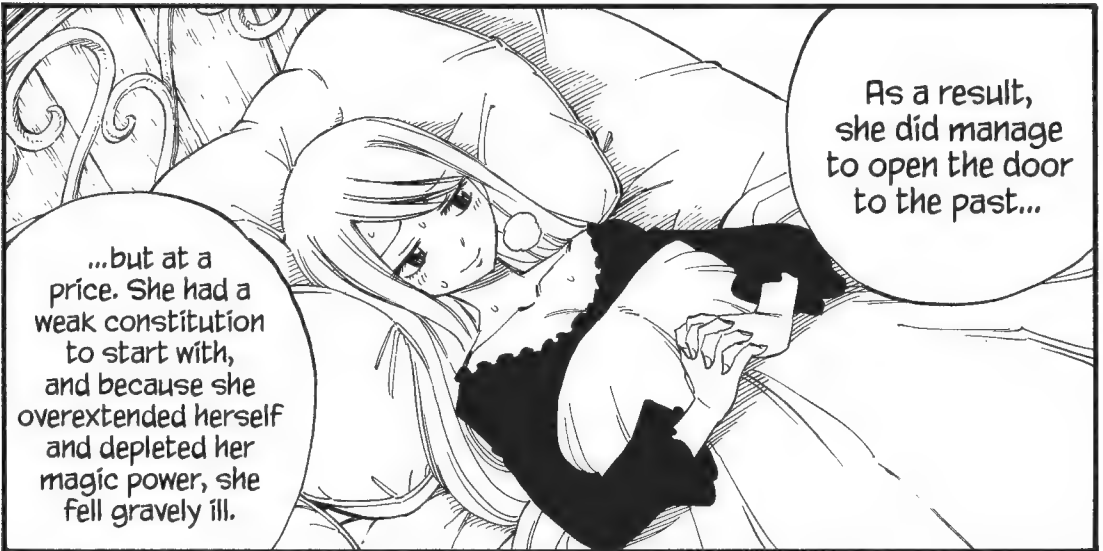




But that...



Layla made up for it by sacrificing her own life force to create magic power.

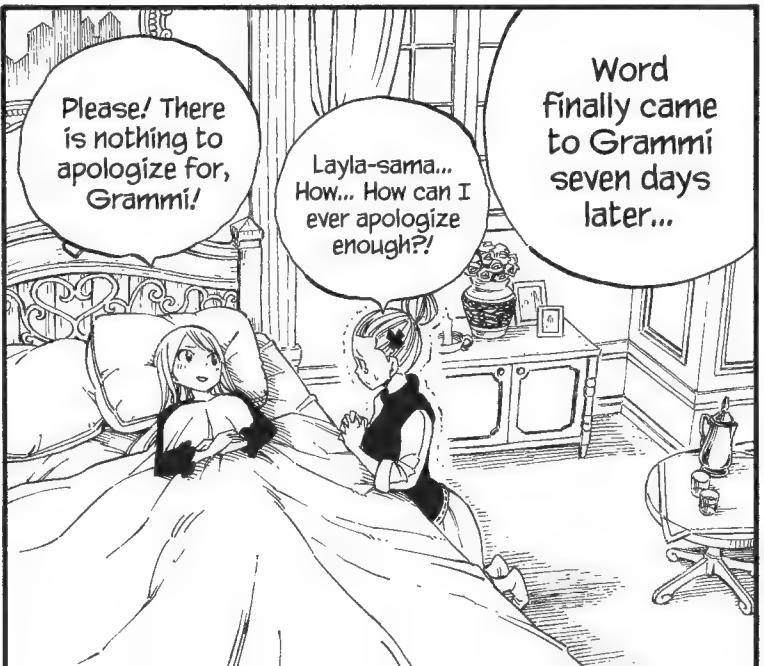


...but at a price. She had a weak constitution to start with, and because she overextended herself and depleted her magic power, she fell gravely ill.

As a result, she did manage to open the door to the past...



I am not fit to possess this key. Please let me return it to you...



Please! There is nothing to apologize for, Grammi!

Layla-sama... How... How can I ever apologize enough?!

Word finally came to Grammi seven days later...

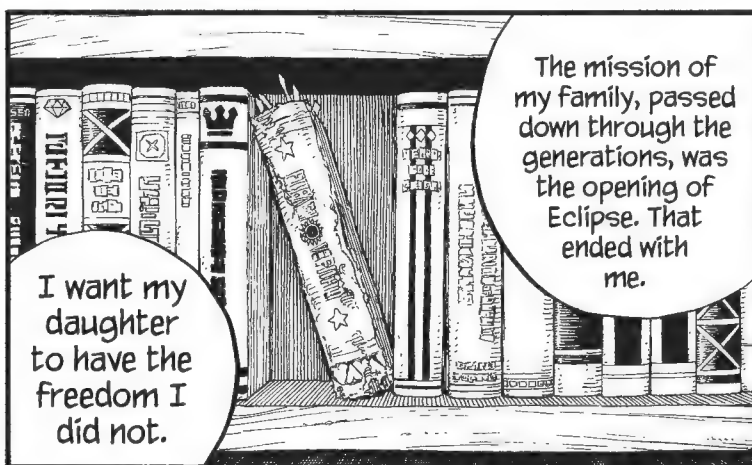


I'm sure she'll follow in your footsteps and become a fine celestial wizard!

Then give it to Lucy-sama!

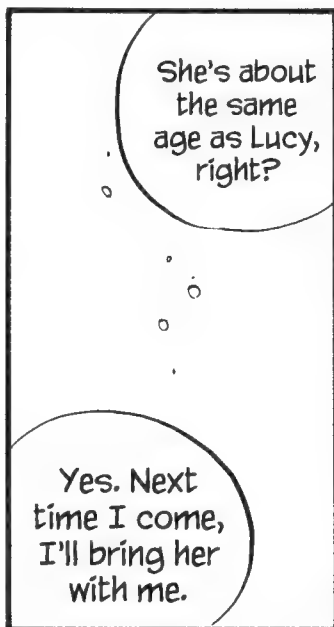


I can't use celestial magic anymore.



I want my daughter to have the freedom I did not.

The mission of my family, passed down through the generations, was the opening of Eclipse. That ended with me.



She's about the same age as Lucy, right?

Yes. Next time I come, I'll bring her with me.



Yes, very much so... But I imagine she'll miss Aquarius a bit.

Oh, tell me! Is Brandish happy and healthy?



I'm sure
they will!

I hope they
become
friends.

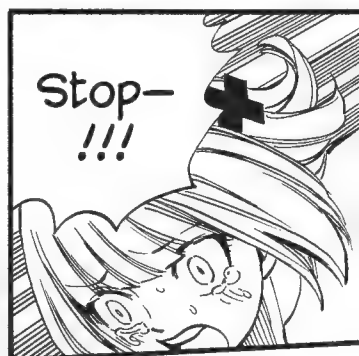
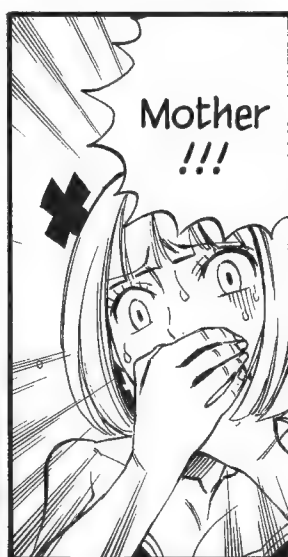
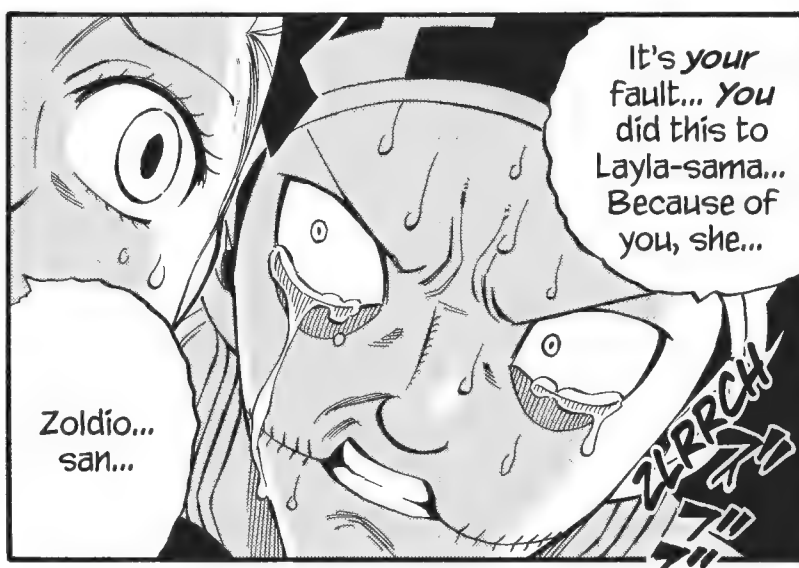
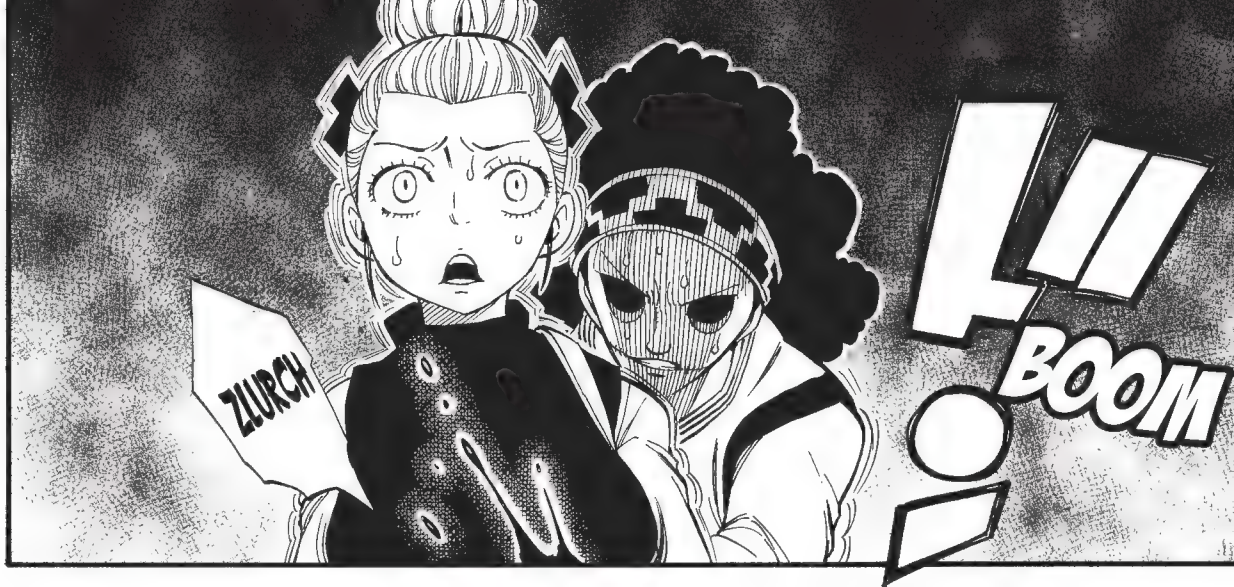


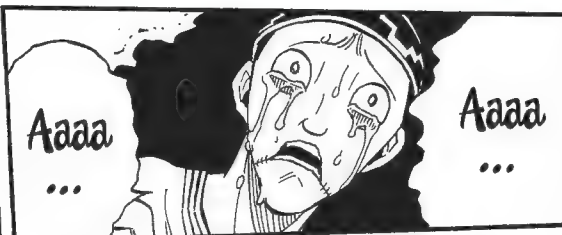
No,
I've always
considered you
a good friend,
Grammi!

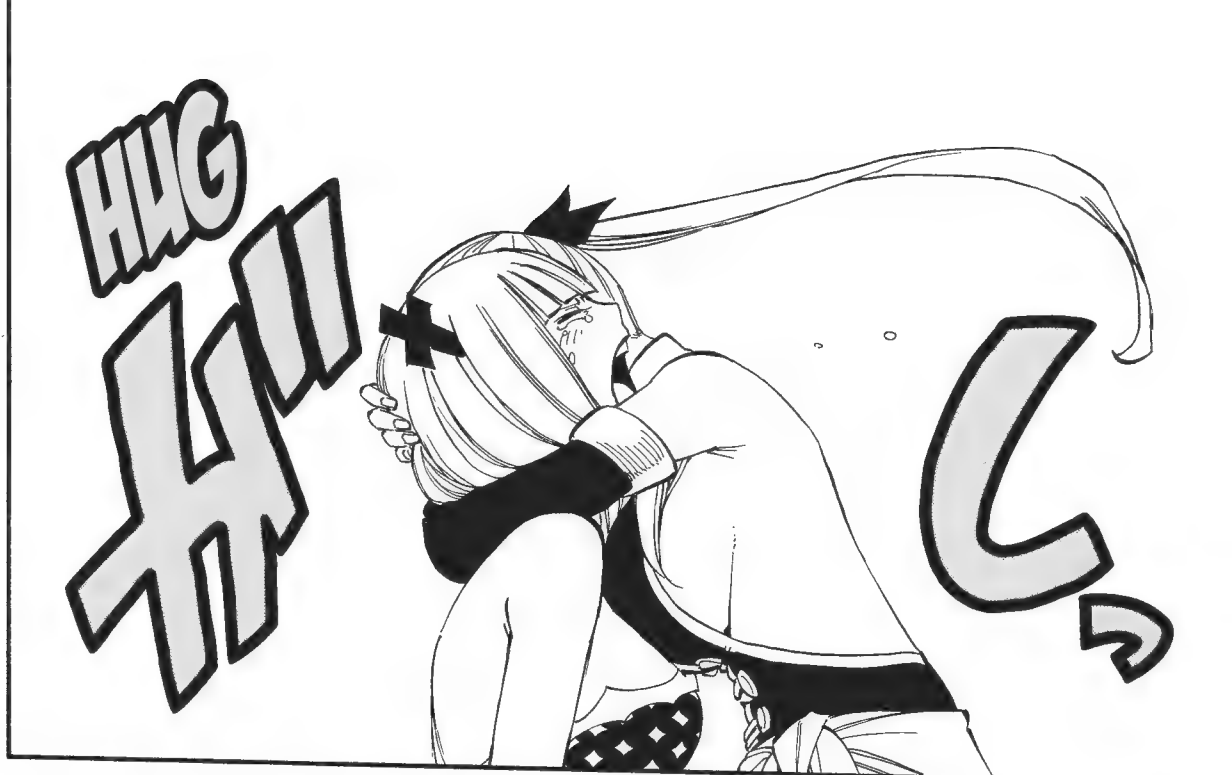
Layla-
sama...

Layla-
sama! I
would never
presume...

As
close
as us?

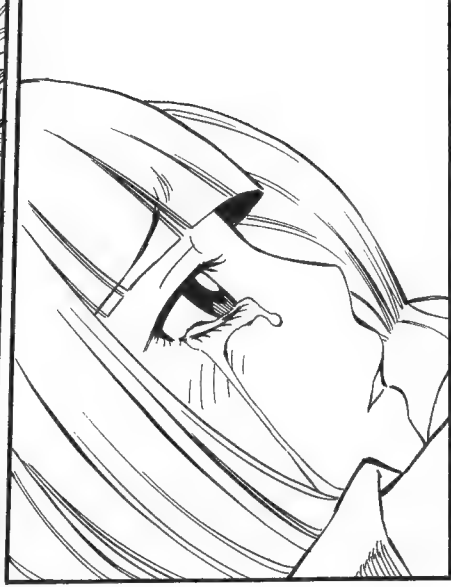
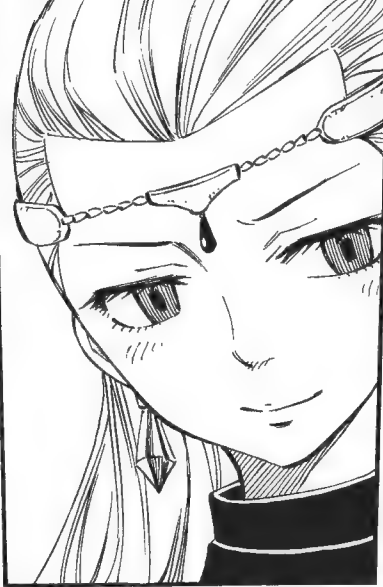








Lucy,
there's one
more crucial
thing I need
to tell—

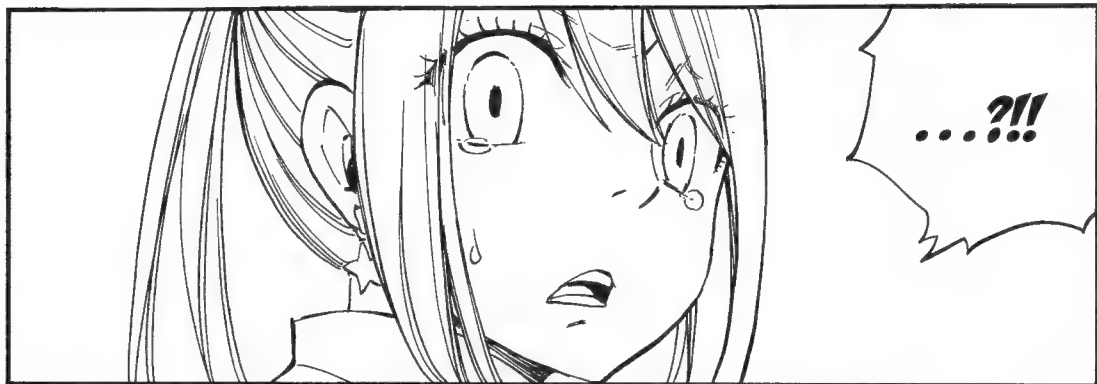


Happy?



Natsu
isn't moving!!!
I don't know
what's wrong
!!!

He needs
help real
bad!!!



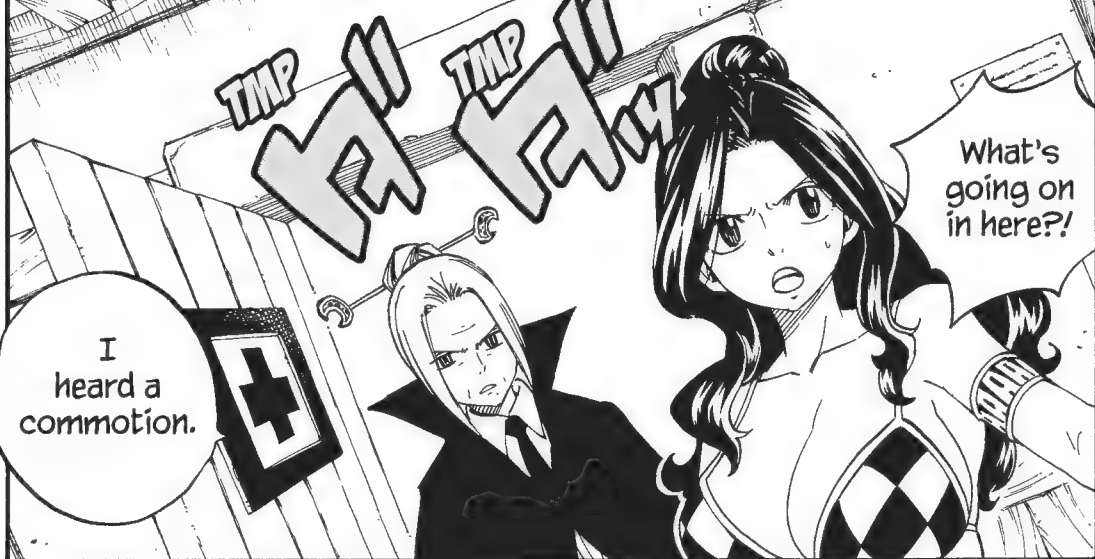
...?!!

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フェアリーテイル

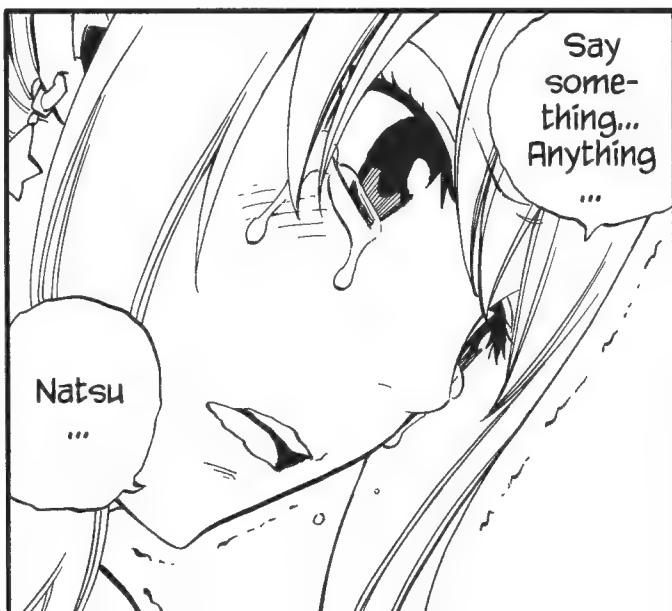
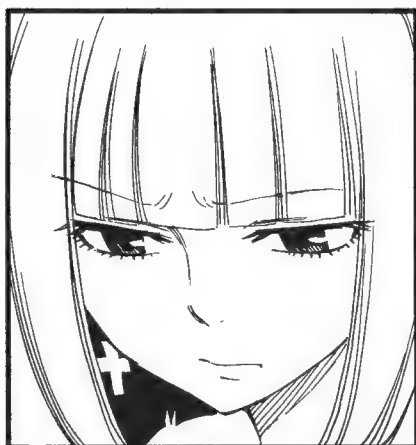
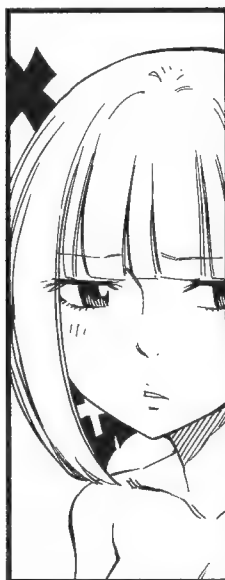
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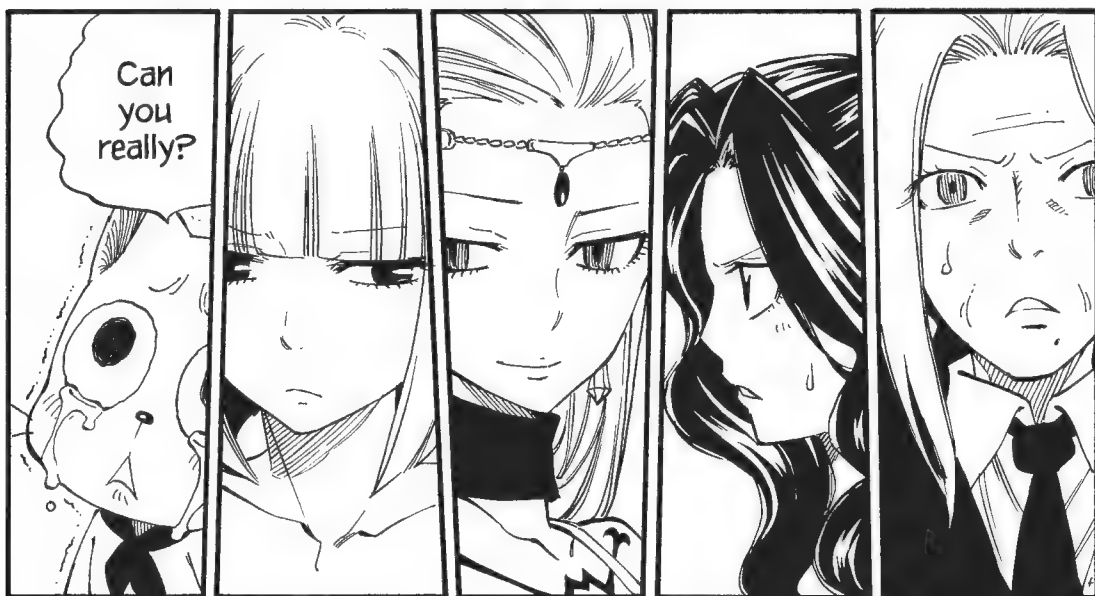
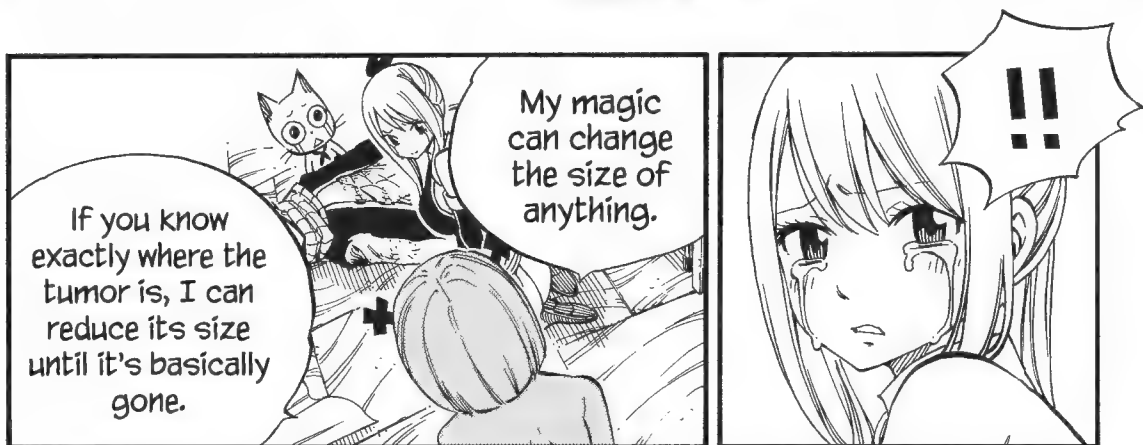


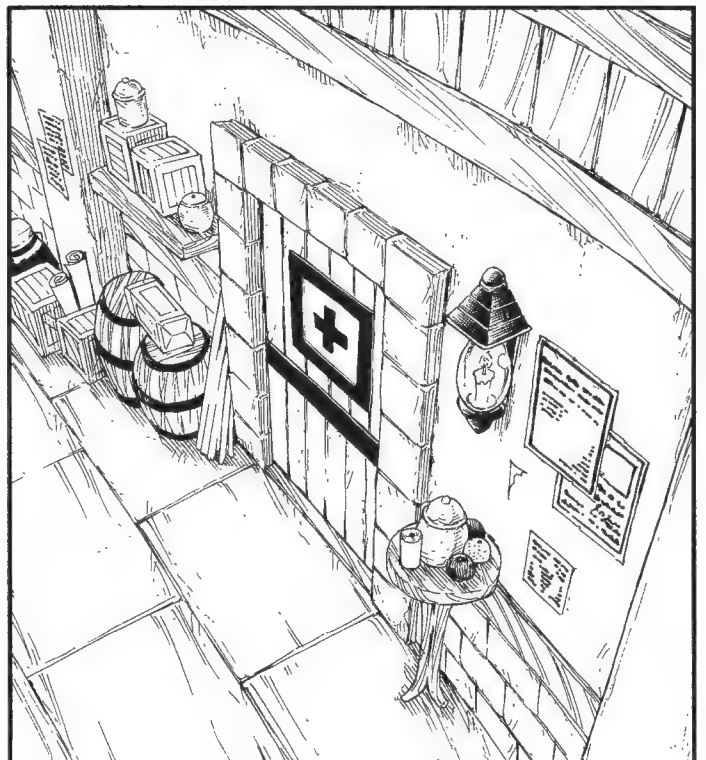


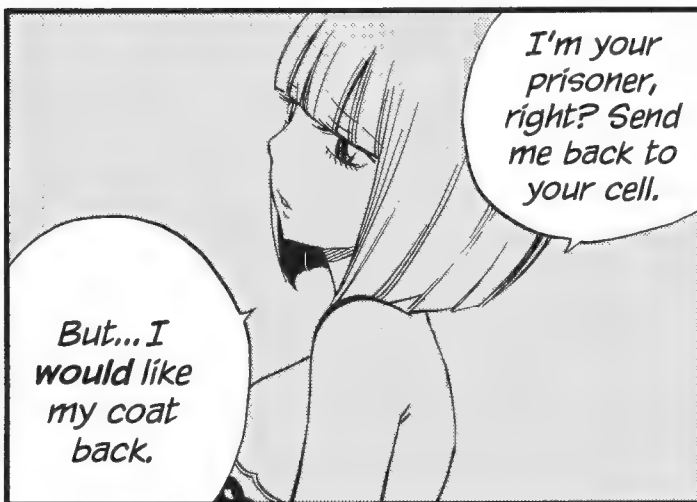
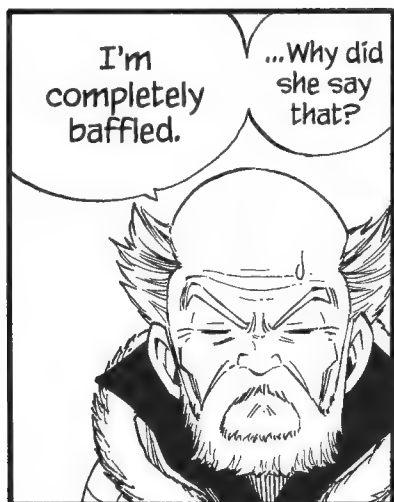


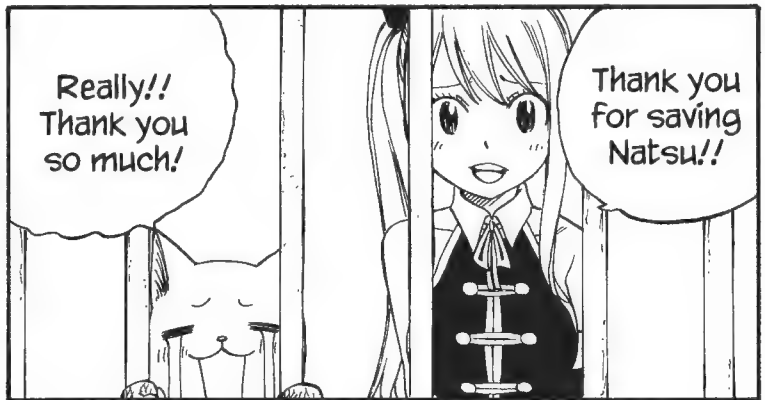
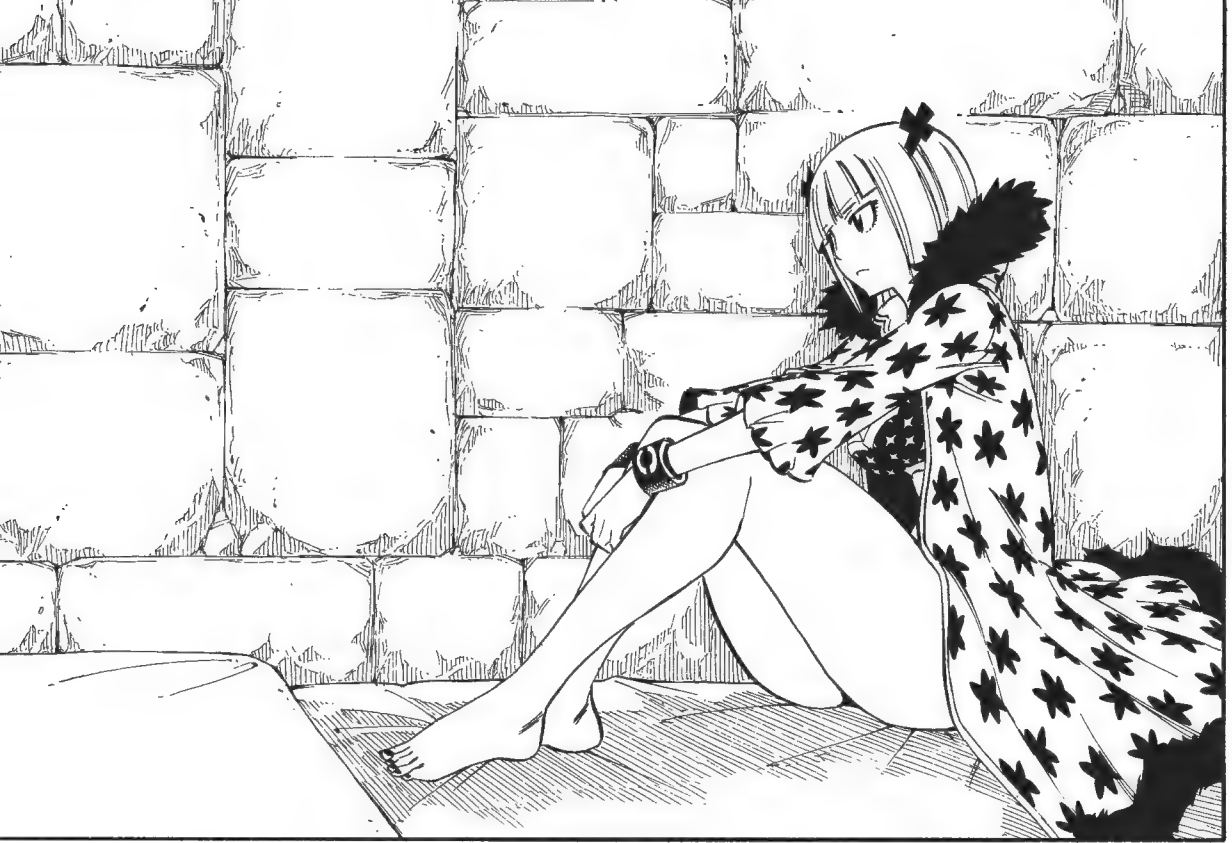


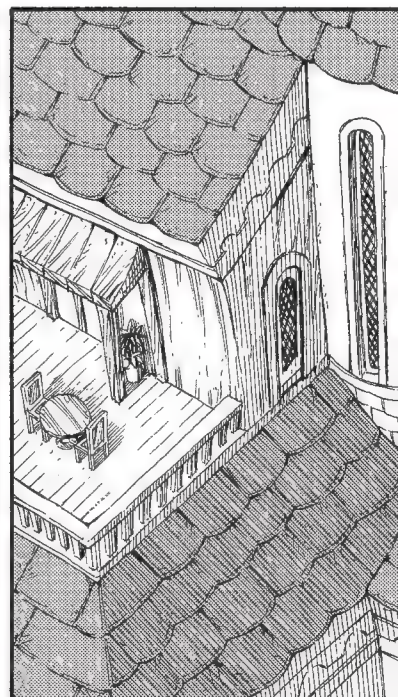
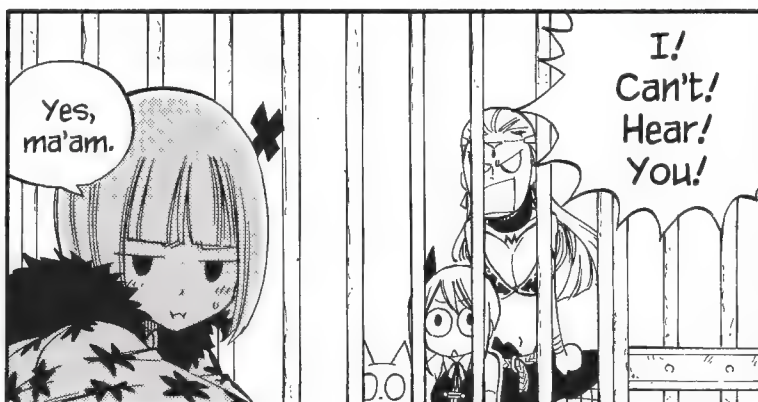


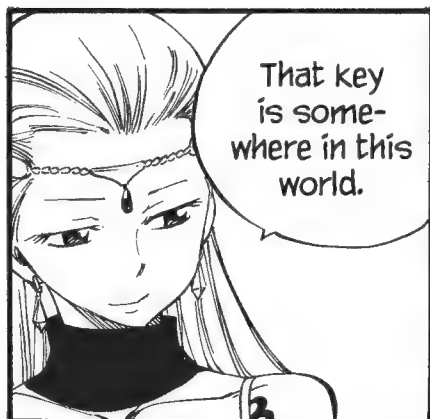














**After
all, you're
one of my
best friends
!!!!**

**Still, I'm
gonna
find you
!!!!**



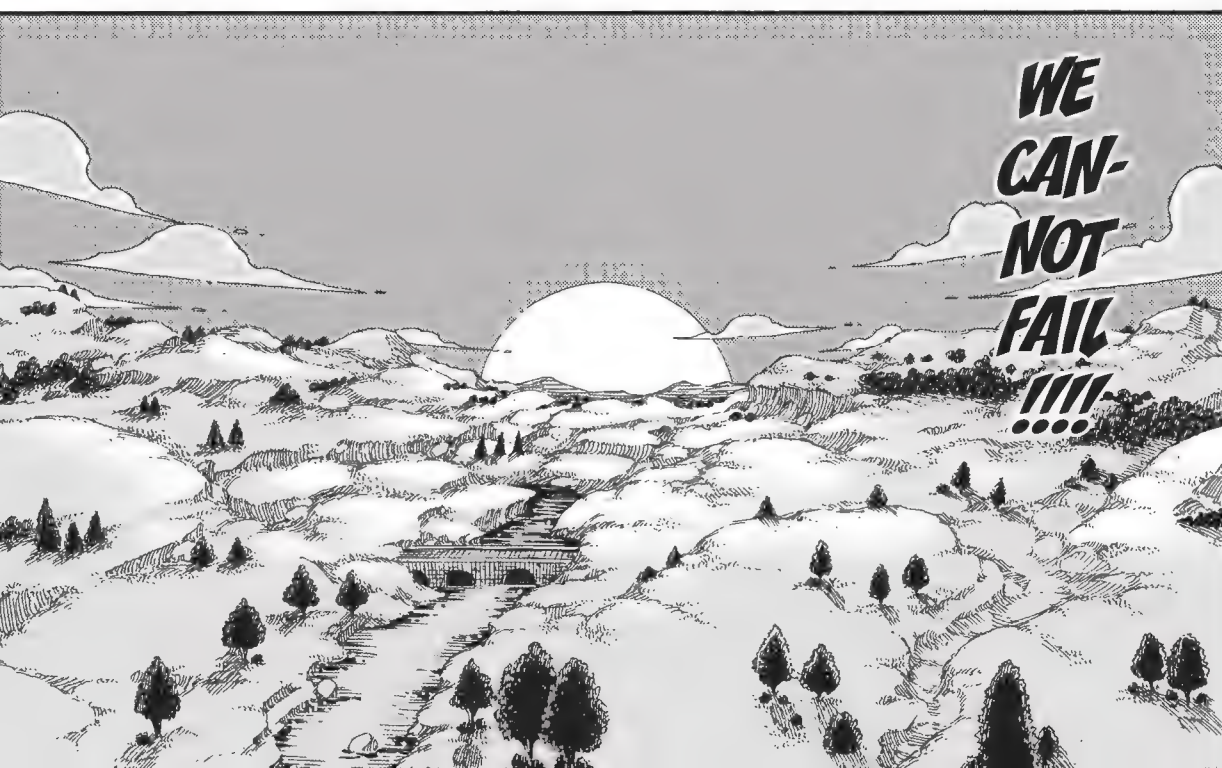
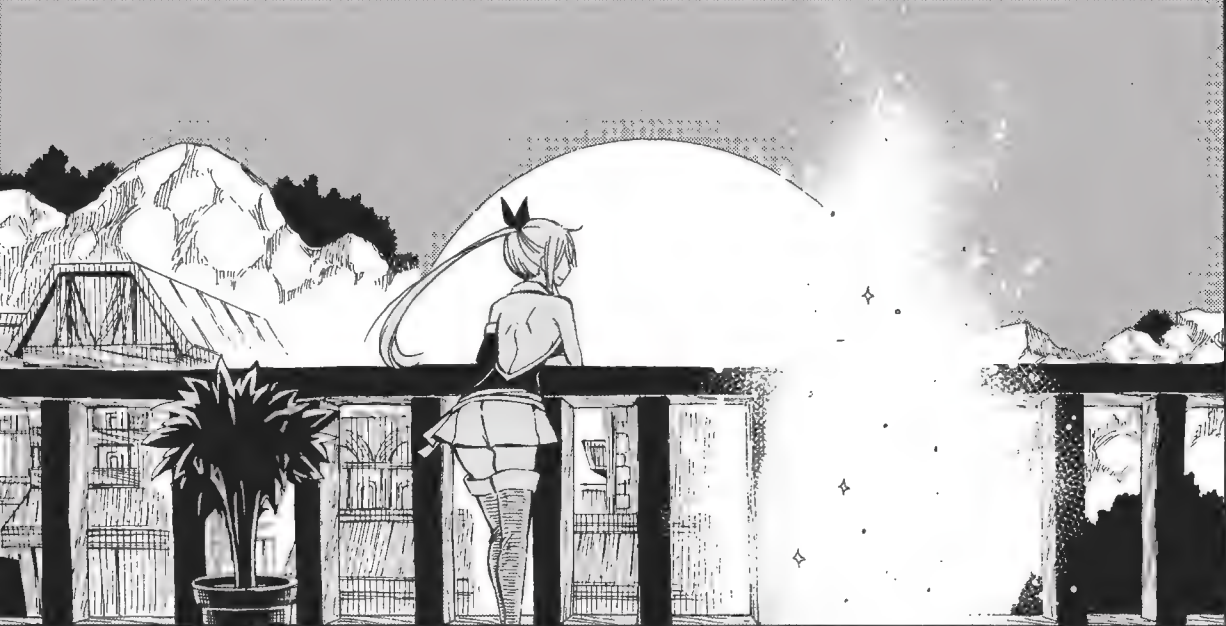
Thank
you. I look
forward to
that day.

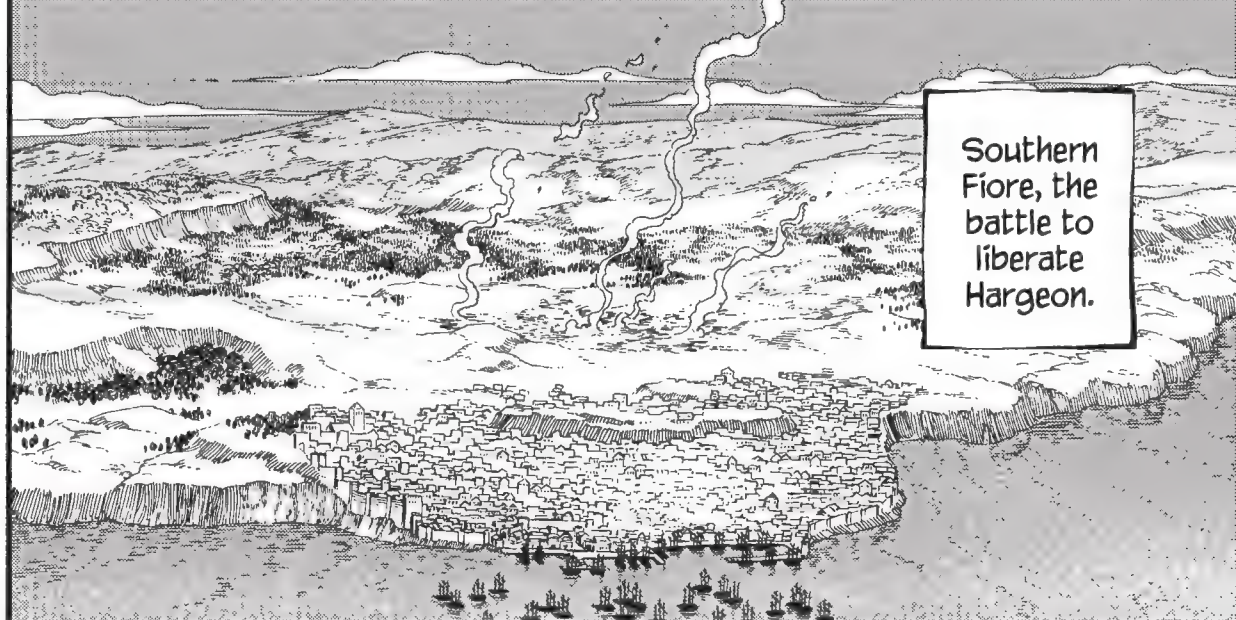


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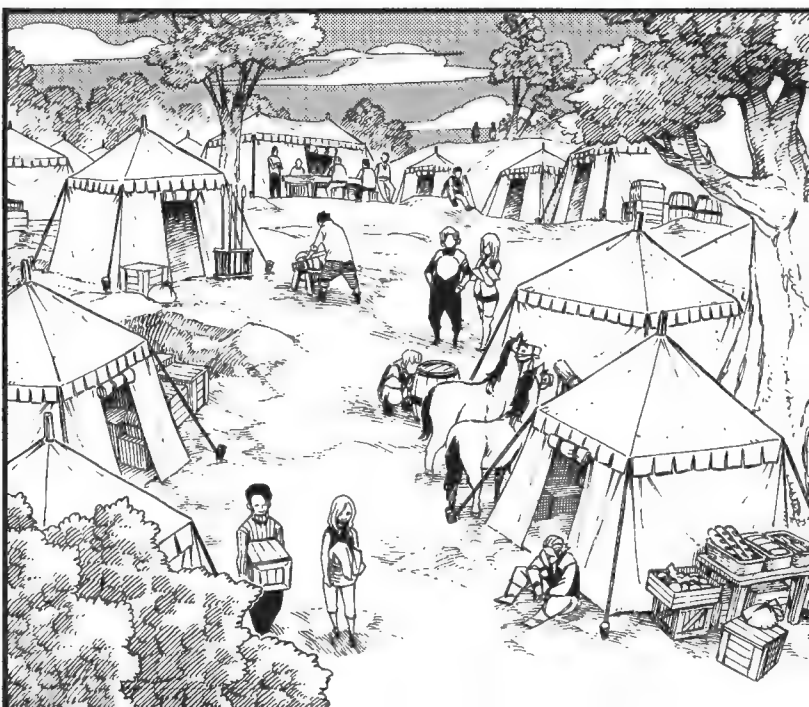
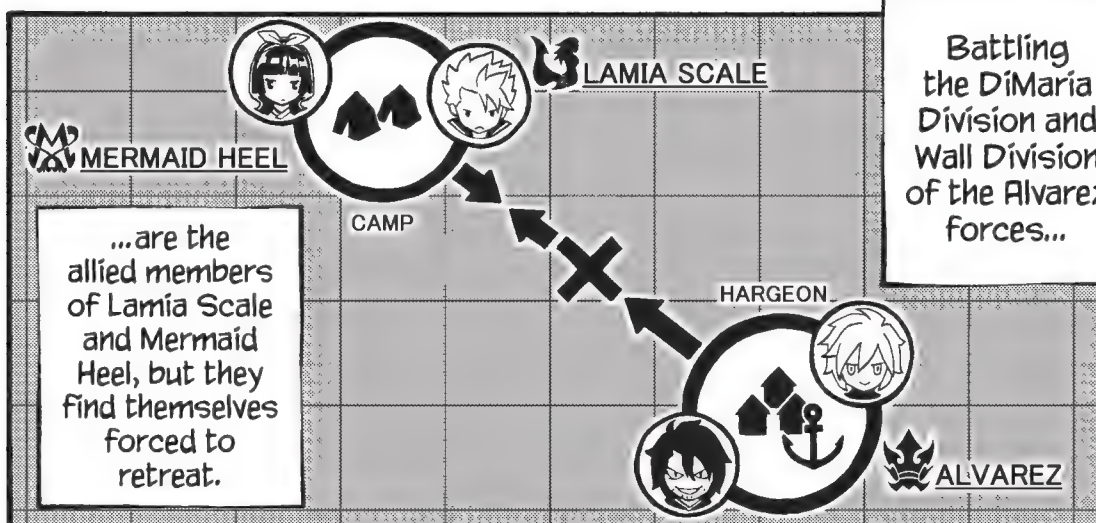
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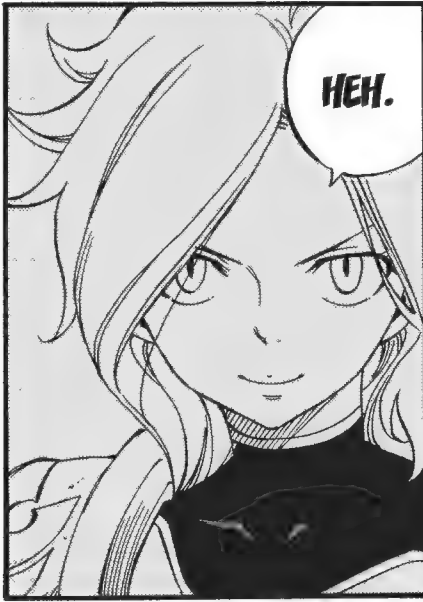
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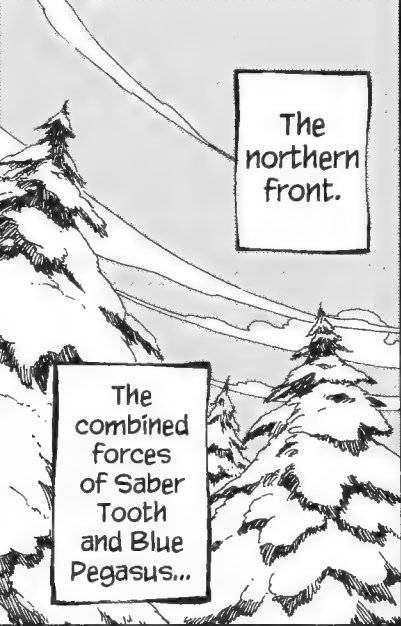


Southern
Fiore, the
battle to
liberate
Hargeon.









The
northern
front.

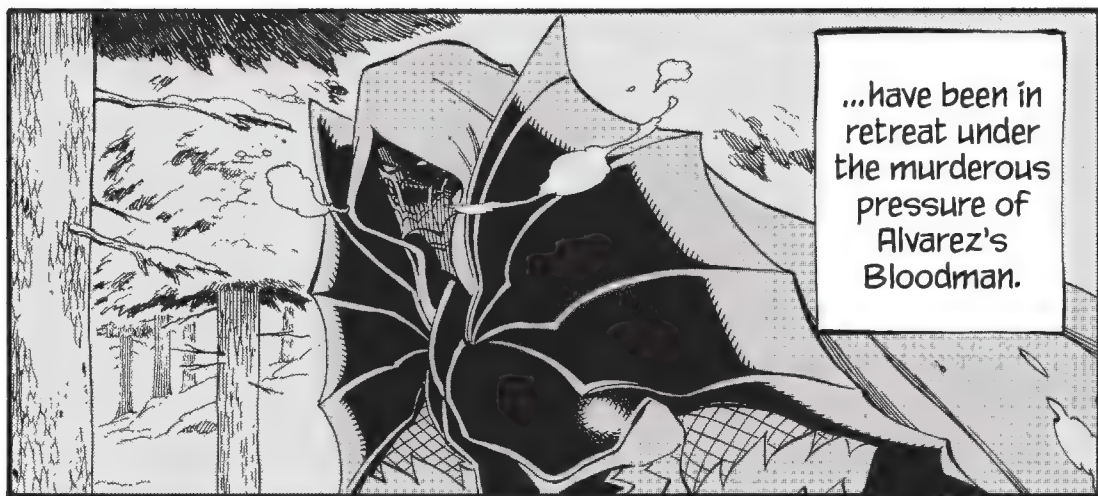
The
combined
forces
of Saber
Tooth
and Blue
Pegasus...



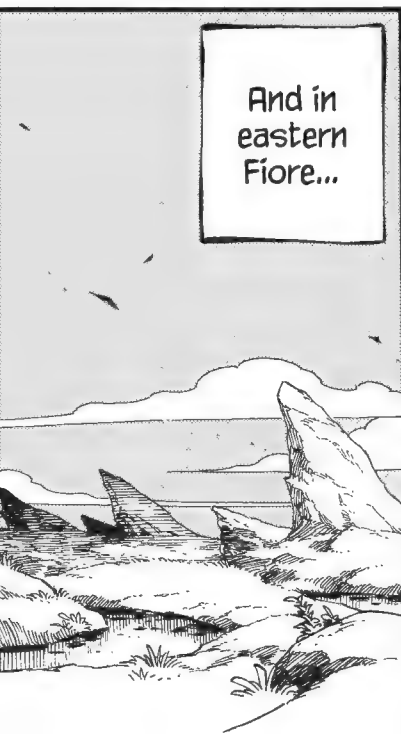
Quit
leering at
her, you
pervs!!

'Spose
not.

I am...
not all
right,
no...



...have been in
retreat under
the murderous
pressure of
Alvarez's
Bloodman.



And in
eastern
Fiore...



But
we *have*
to stop
them!

Fro
thinks
so, too.

They have
too many
troops.

We've taken
far too many
casualties.

Yes.



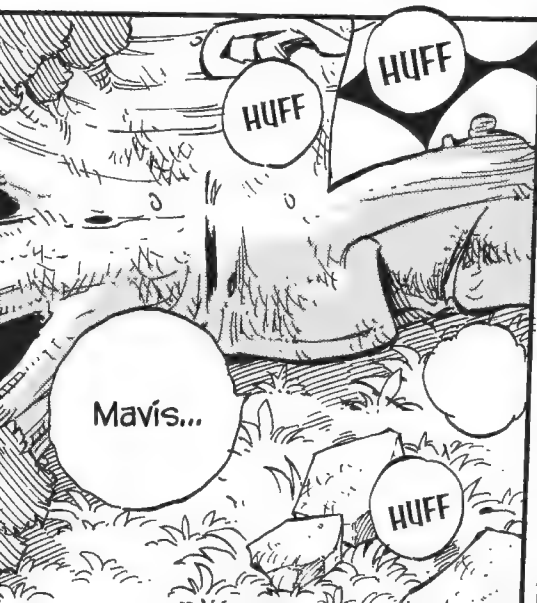
God
Serena...



So he
was *this*
powerful...



Alas...!



HUFF

HUFF

Mavis...

HUFF

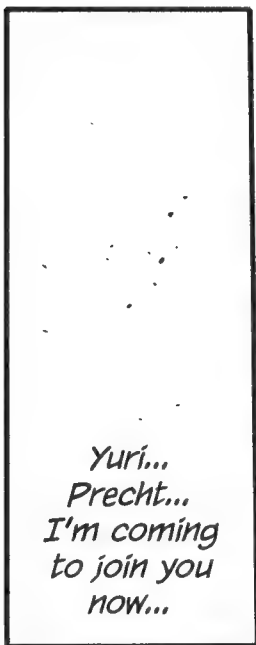


Guess being
a Wizard Saint
doesn't count for
much, huh?

...one
battle is
drawing
to a
close.

Oh,
come on!

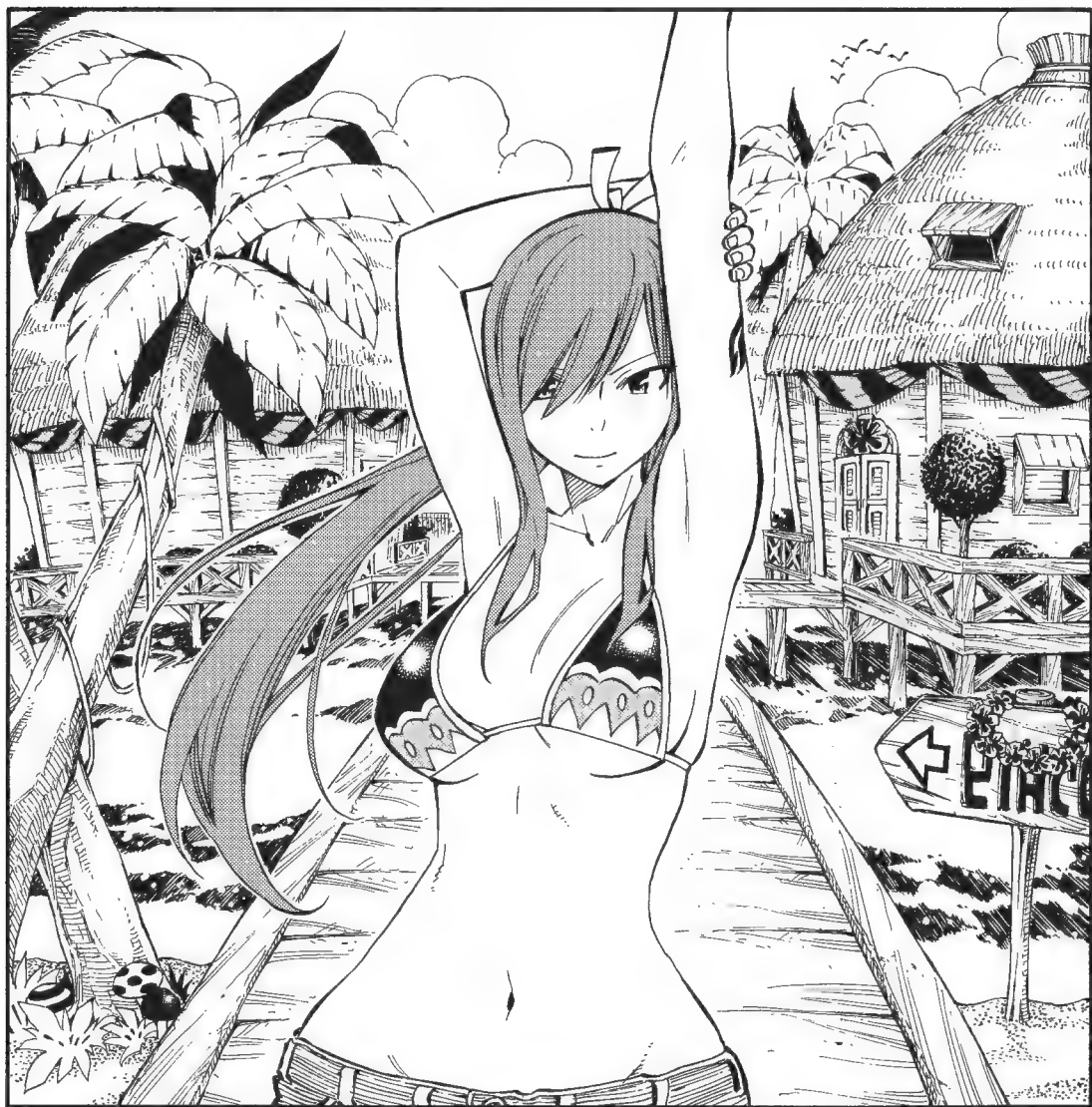
Is this
the best you
can do?! I didn't
even need the
others'
help!



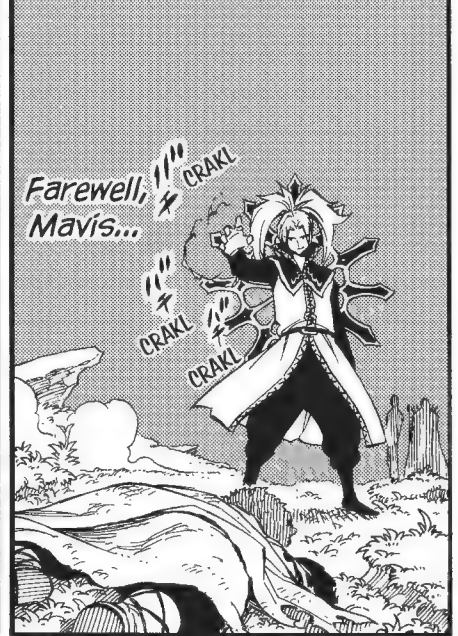
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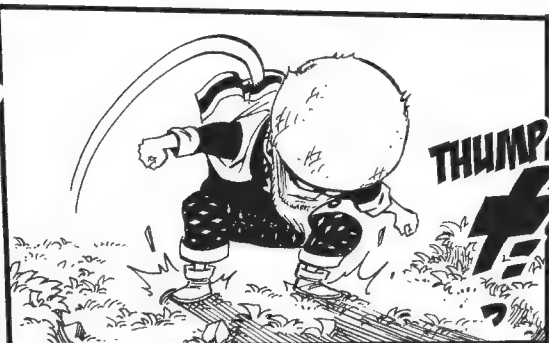
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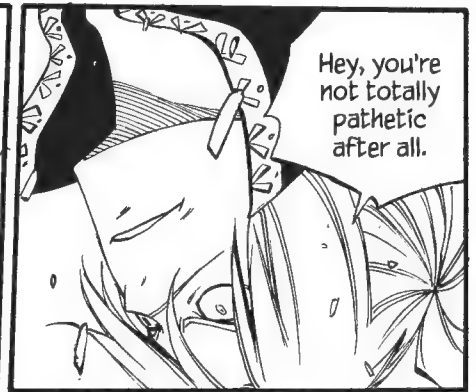
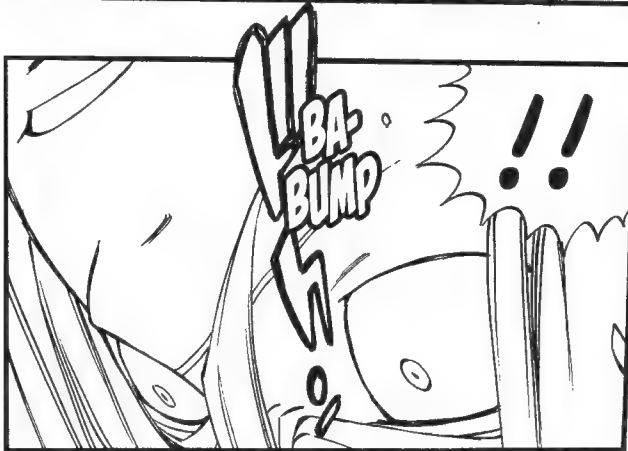
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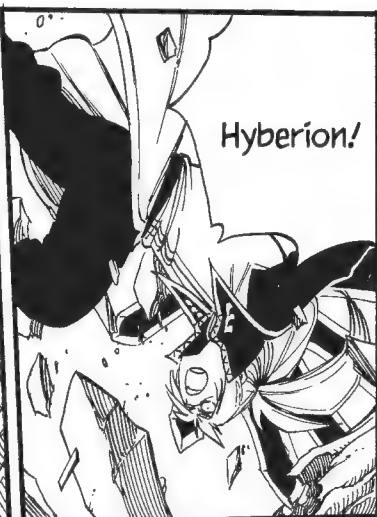






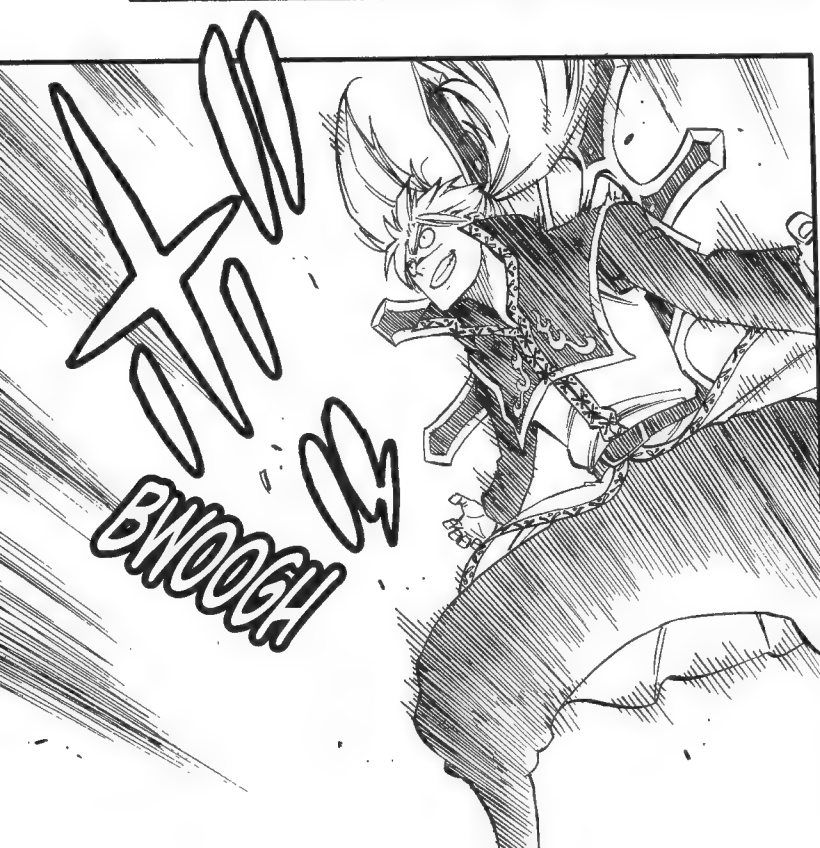
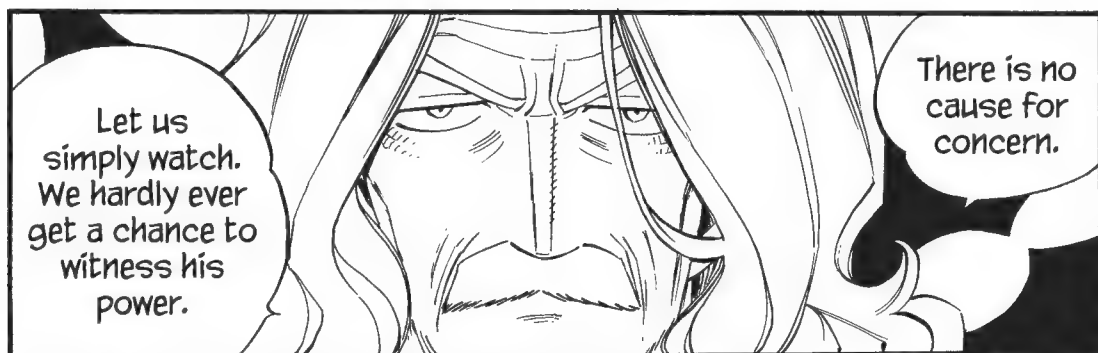






Vampiric magic?
And without any
direct contact.
I'm impressed.

It seems
you are
overconfident,
God Serena.

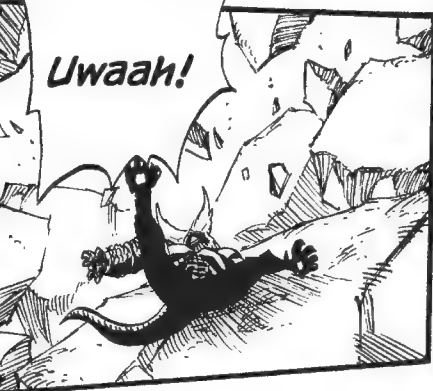




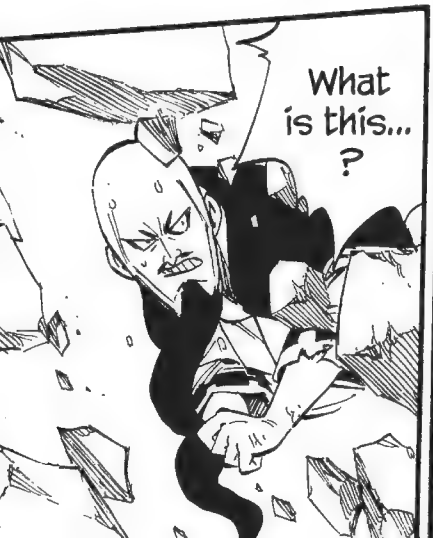
Wha-
?!



Gaah!



Uwaah!

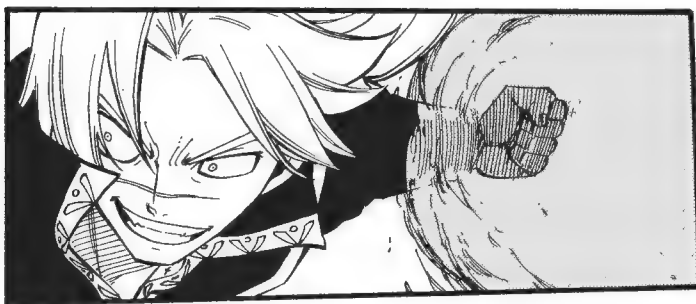
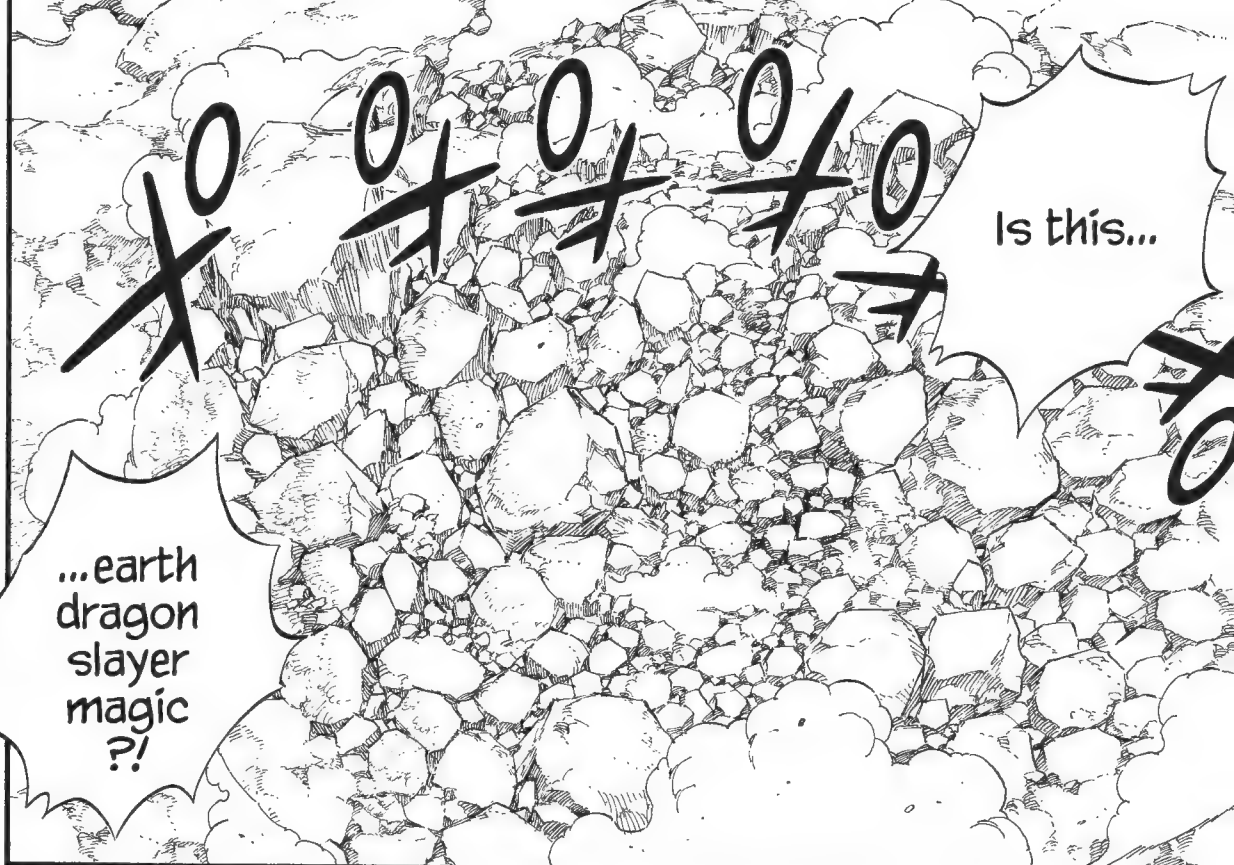


What
is this...
?

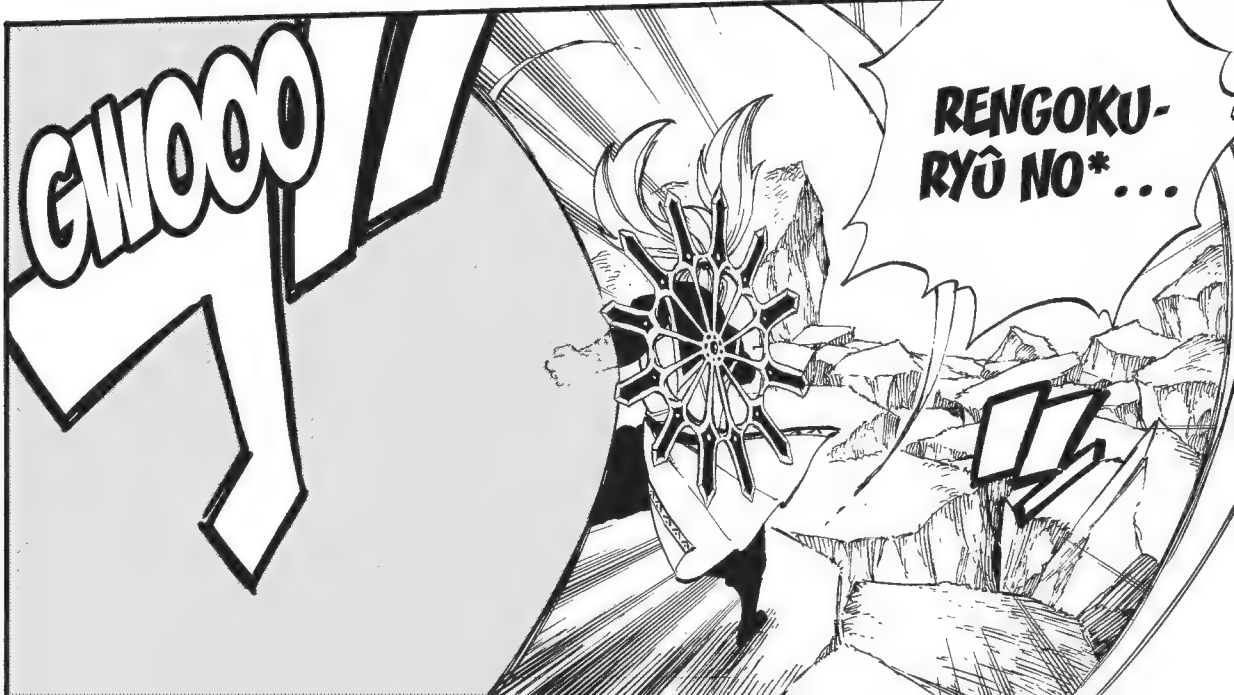


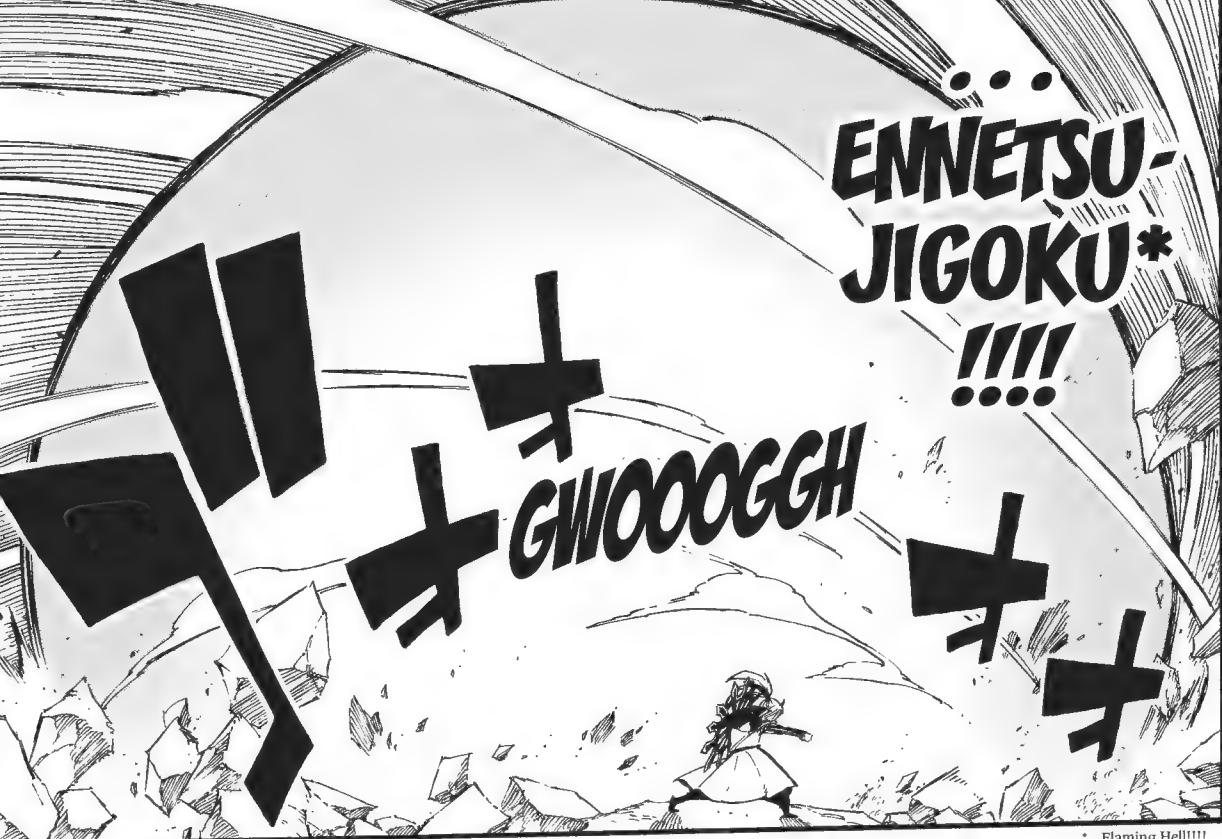
**GANKUTSU-
RYŪ NO
DAICHI-
HOUKAI*
!!!!**

BOOM



*Purgatory Dragon's...



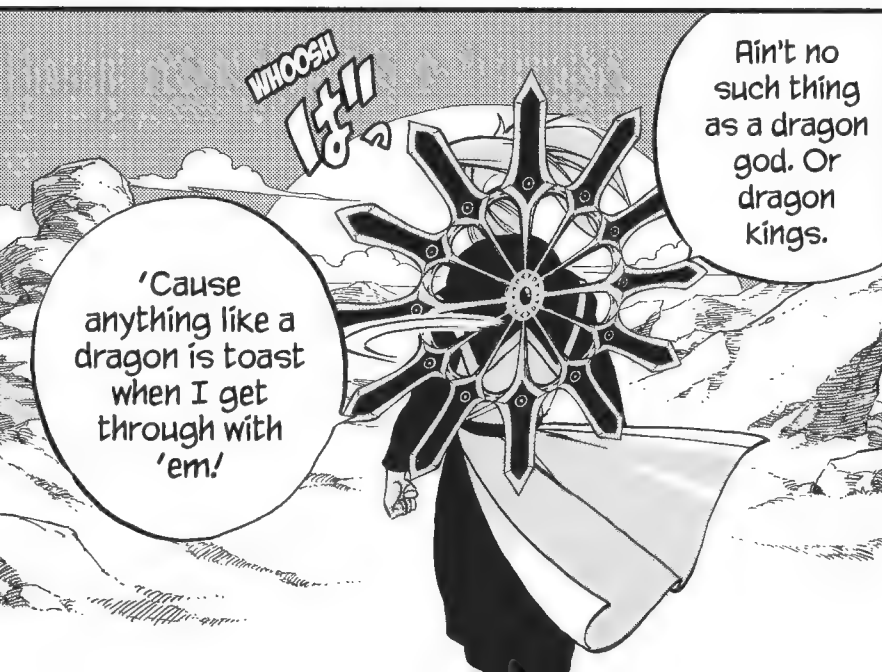
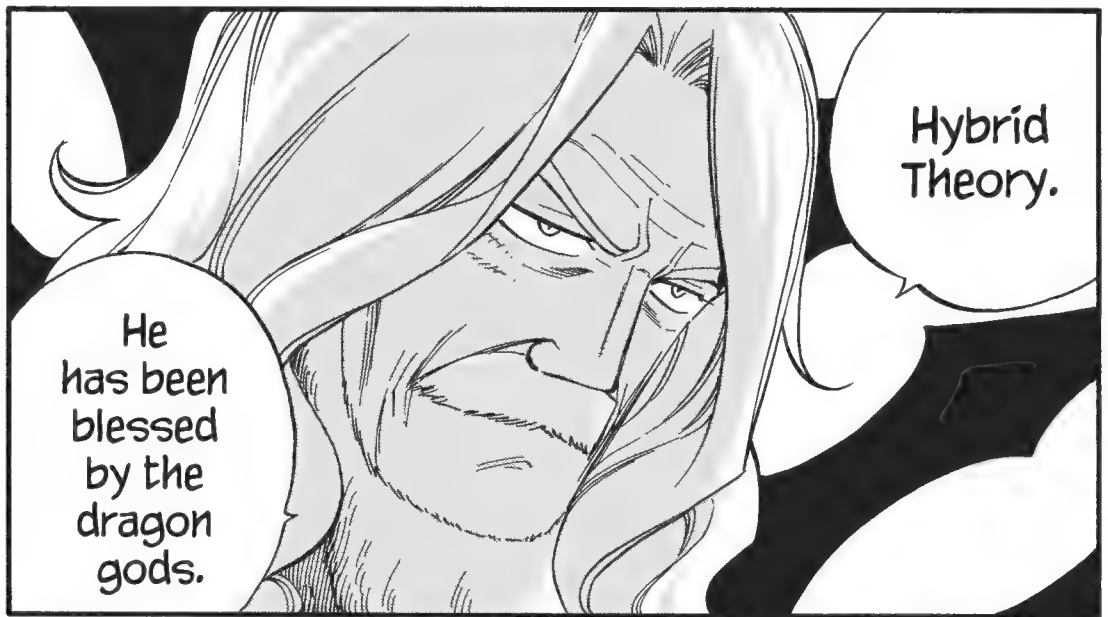


*...Flaming Hell!!!!

**Sea King Dragon's Encircling Deluge!!!!



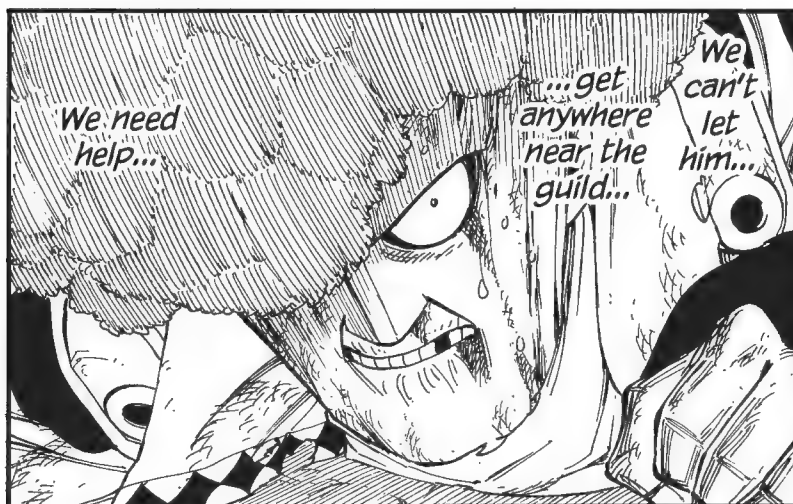






Nothin' holding us here, right?

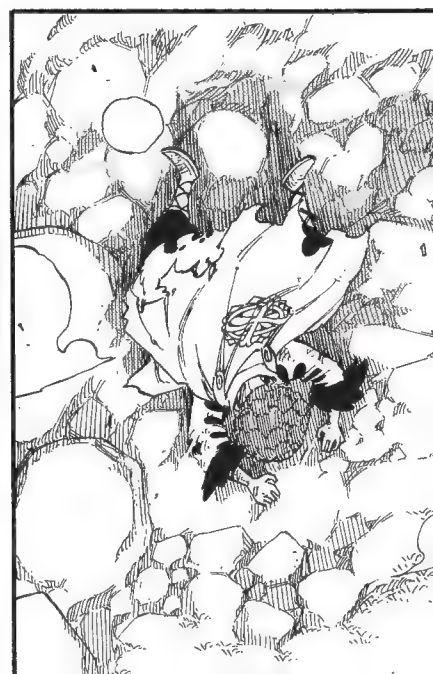
So let's head for Fairy Tail.

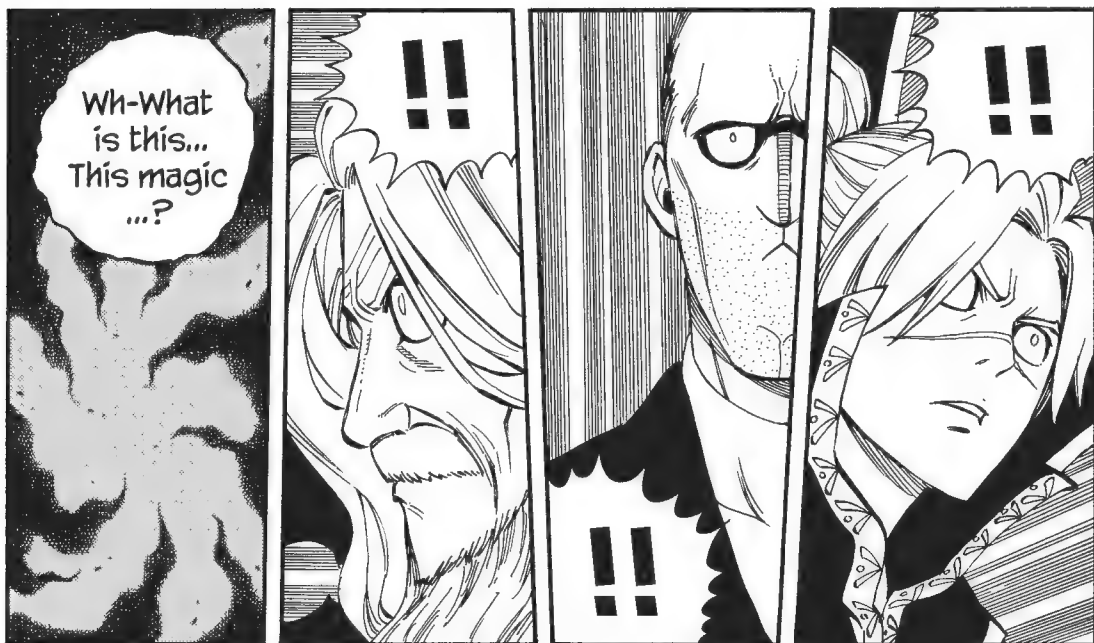
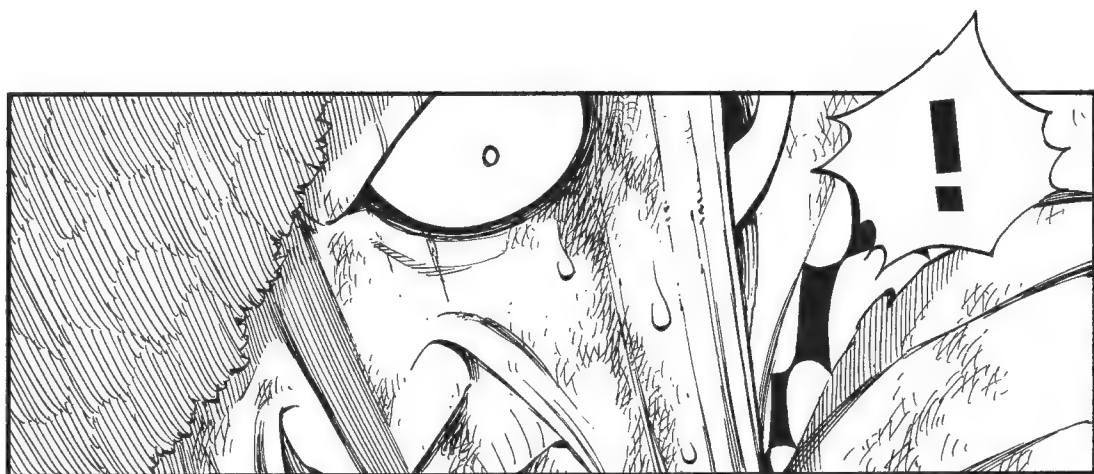


We need help...

...get anywhere near the guild...

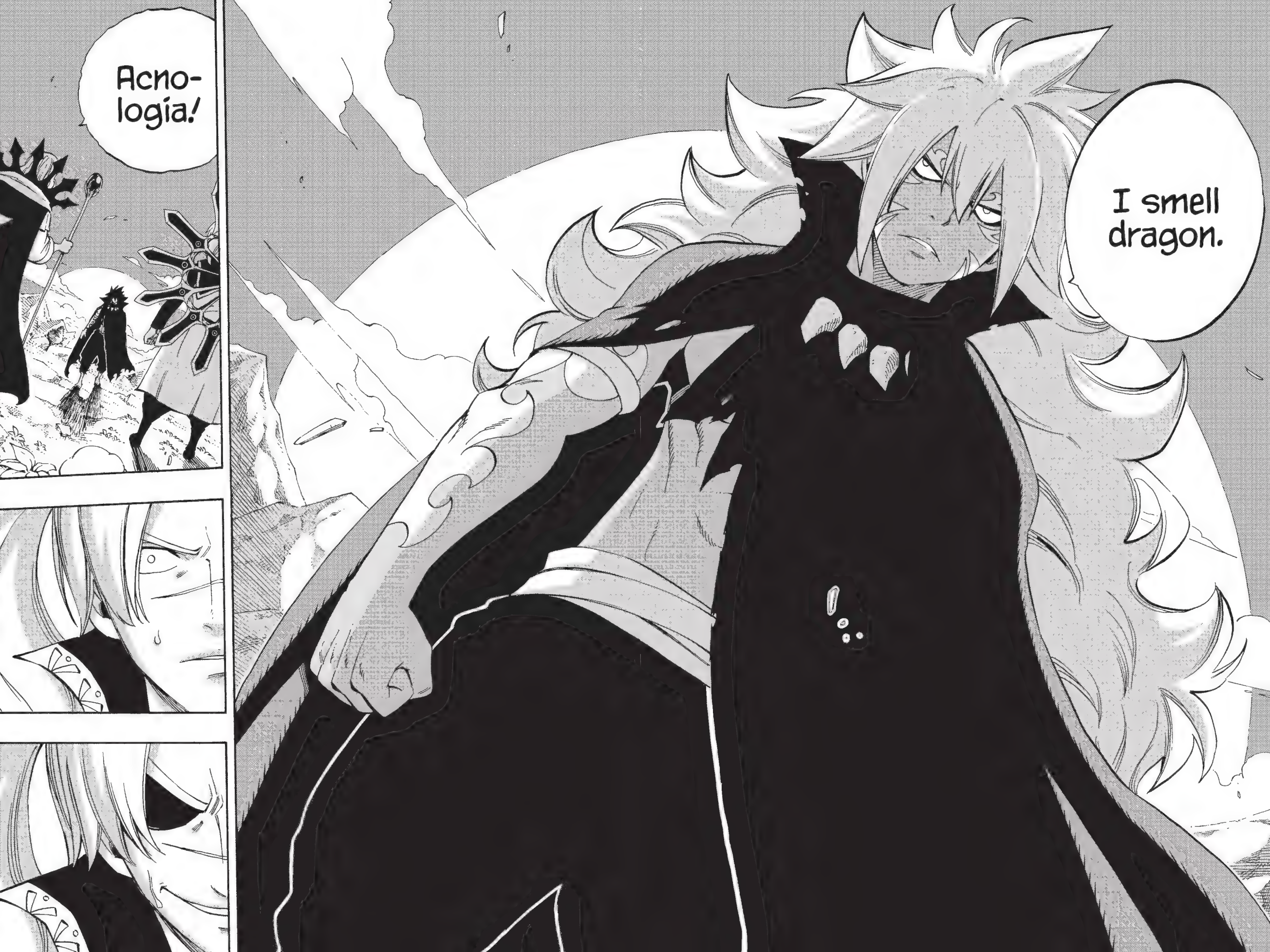
We can't let him...





Acho-
logia!

I smell
dragon.

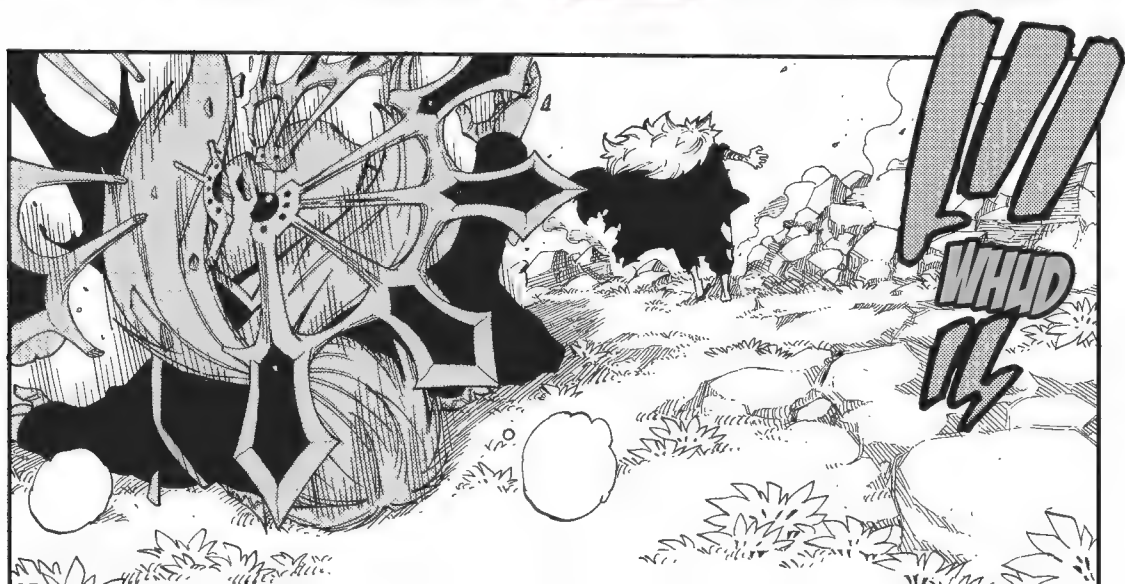
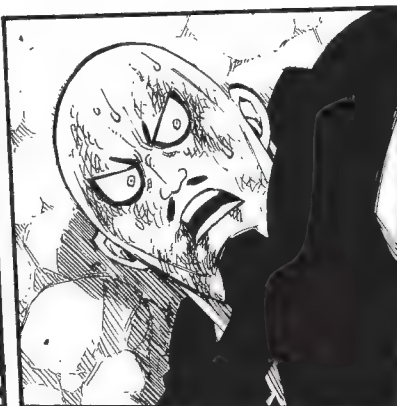
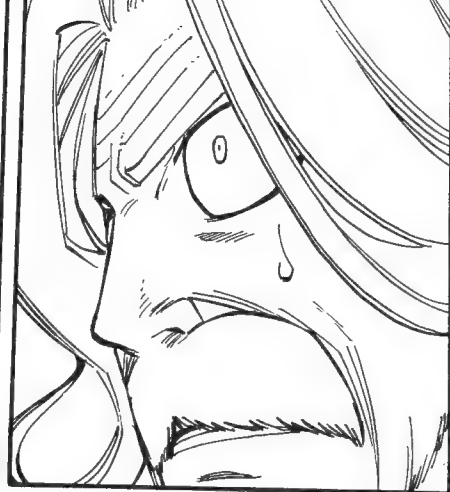
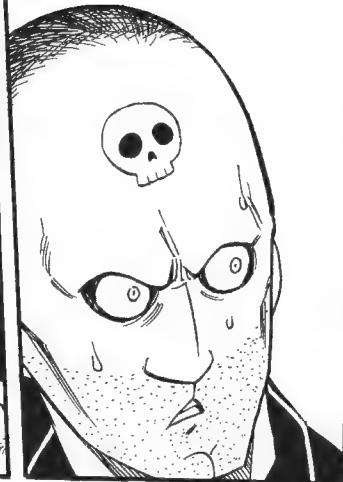
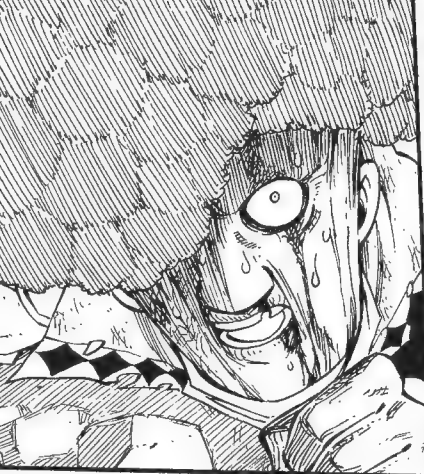





I can't wait to take you down. That's why I—

I never thought *you'd* come to *me*!







Only
seven
more
now.

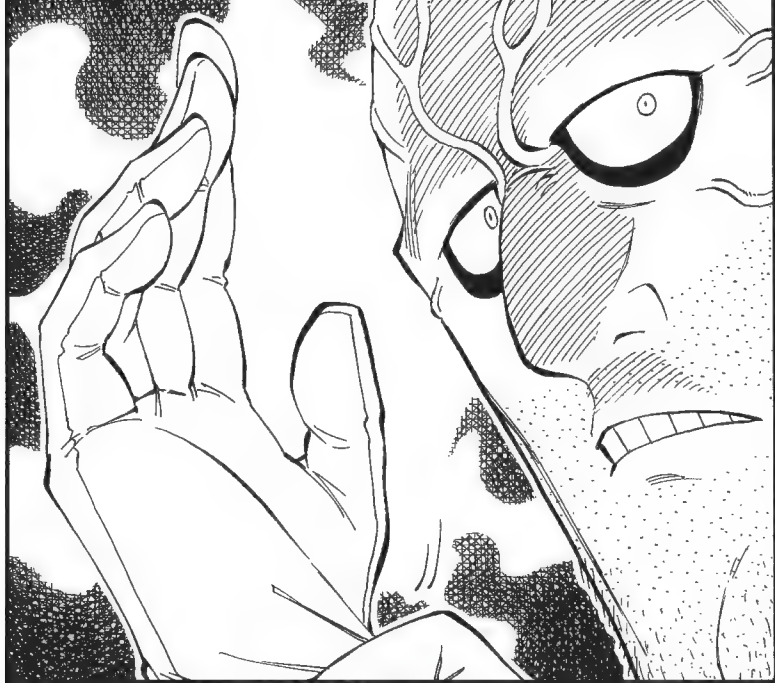
I will wipe
all trace of
the dragons
from this
world!

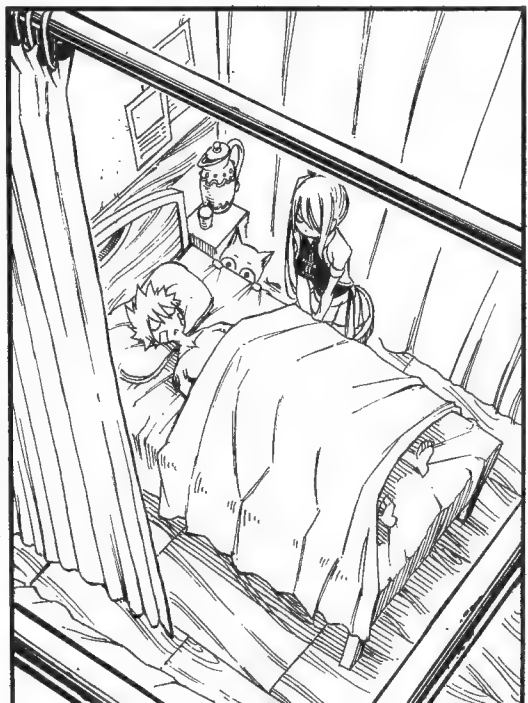
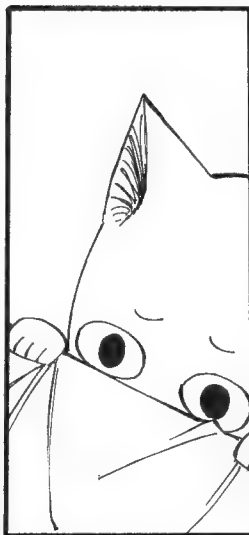
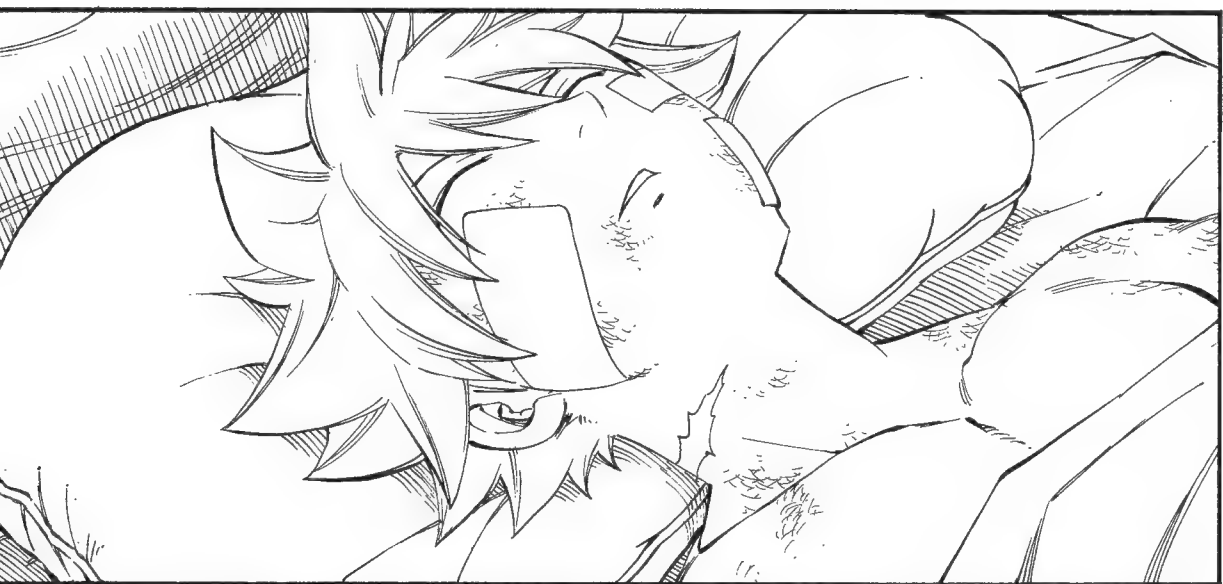
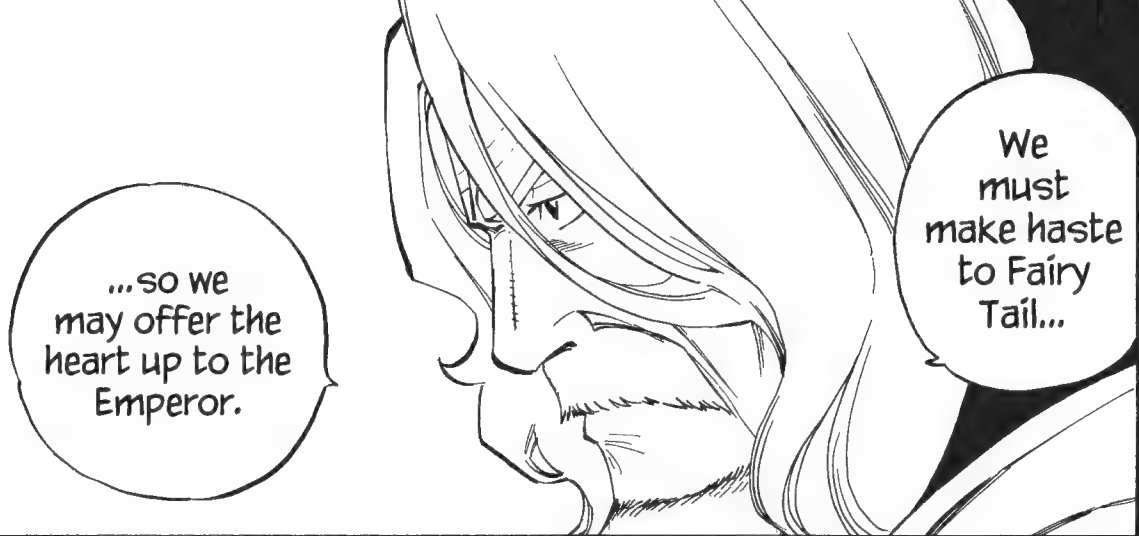
Chapter 471: Until the Battle Is Done

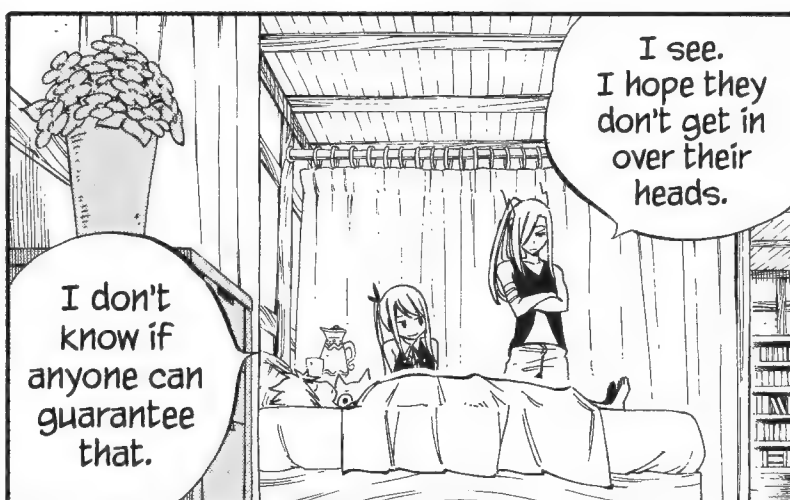
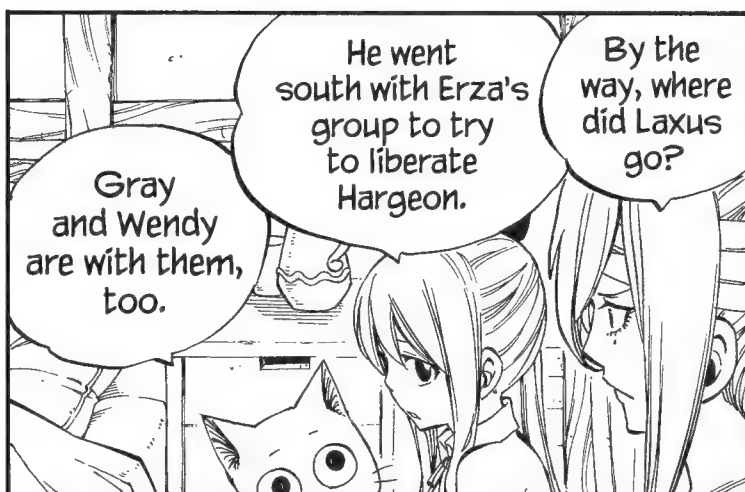


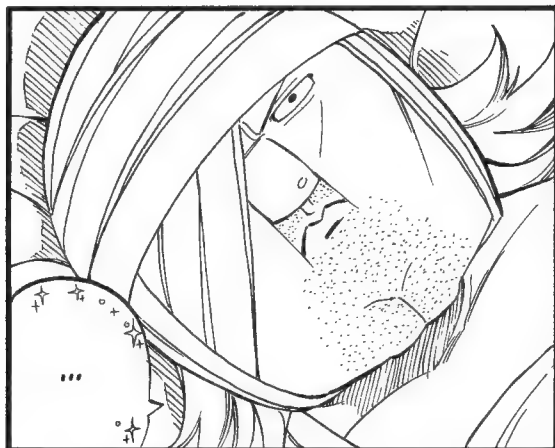


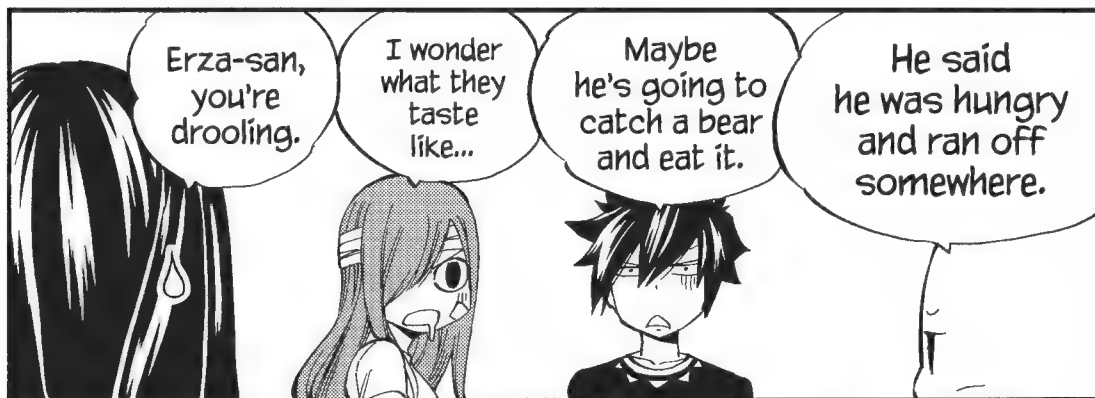




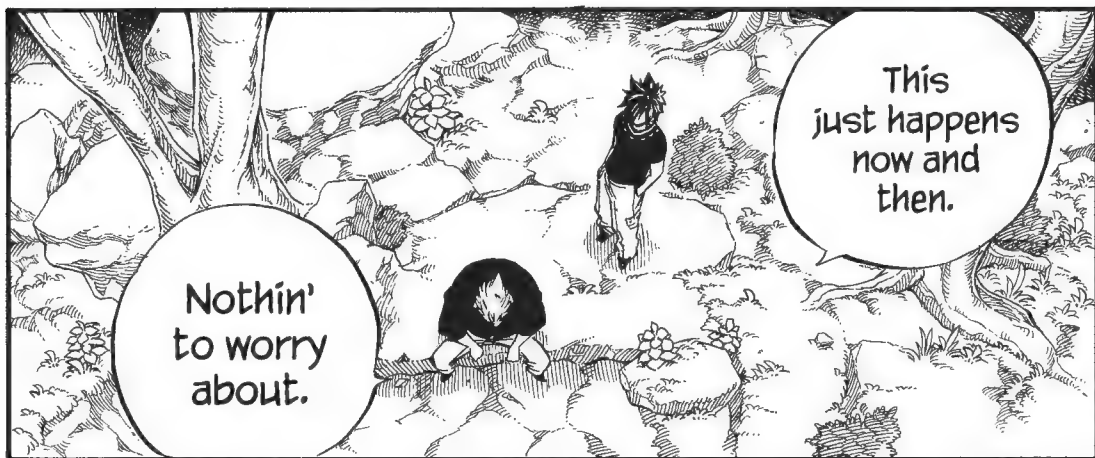
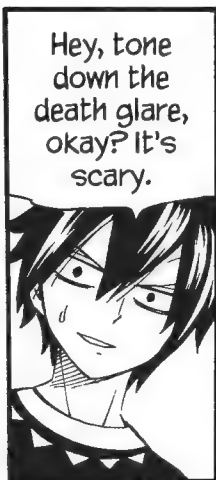










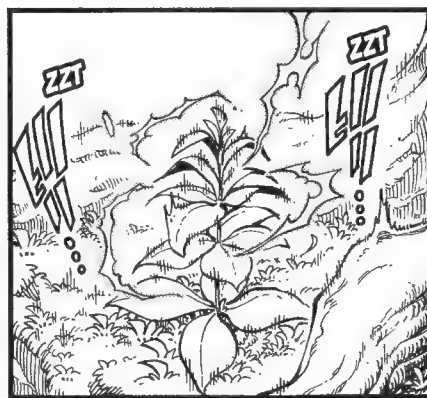




I'm gonna protect this guild...

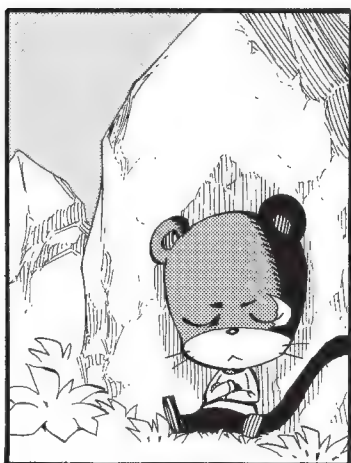
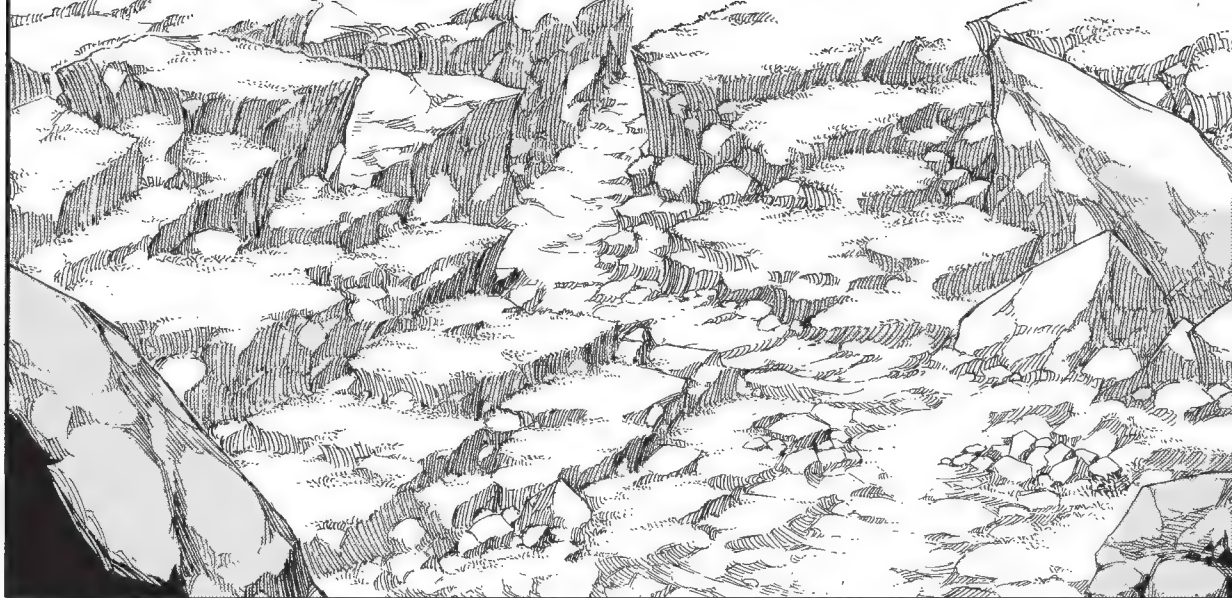
...even if it kills me!

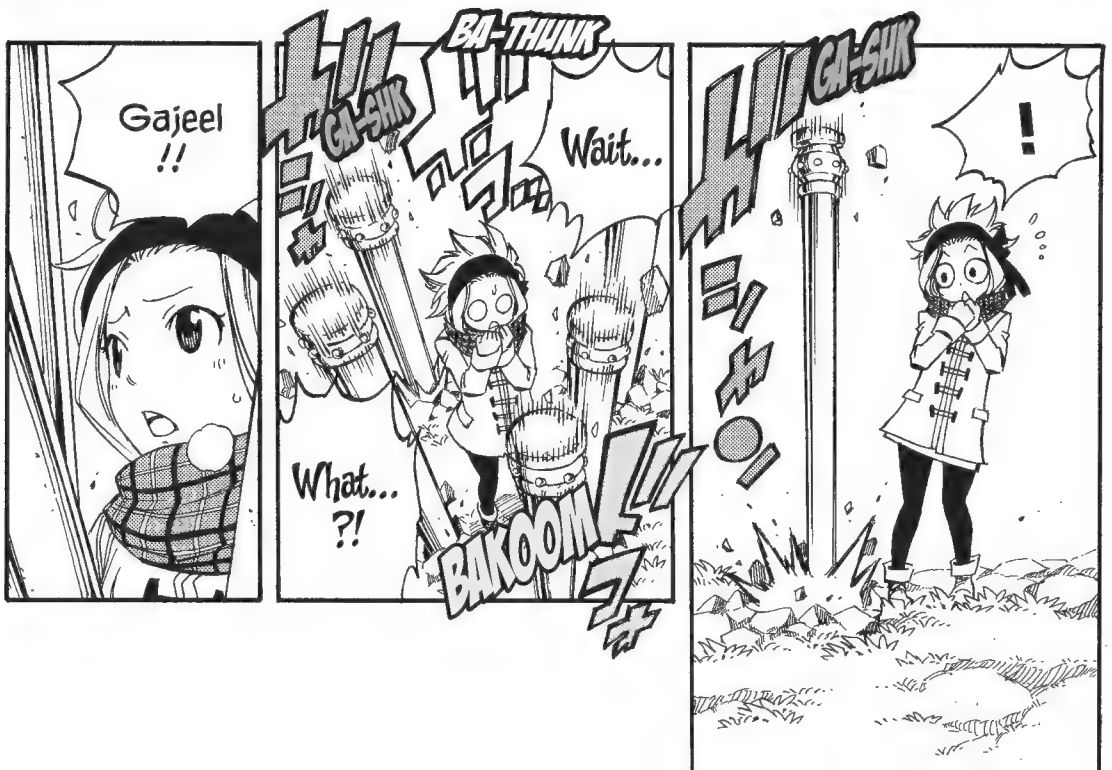
Until the battle is done...

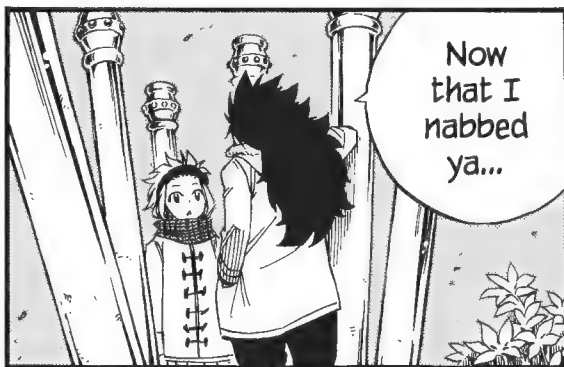


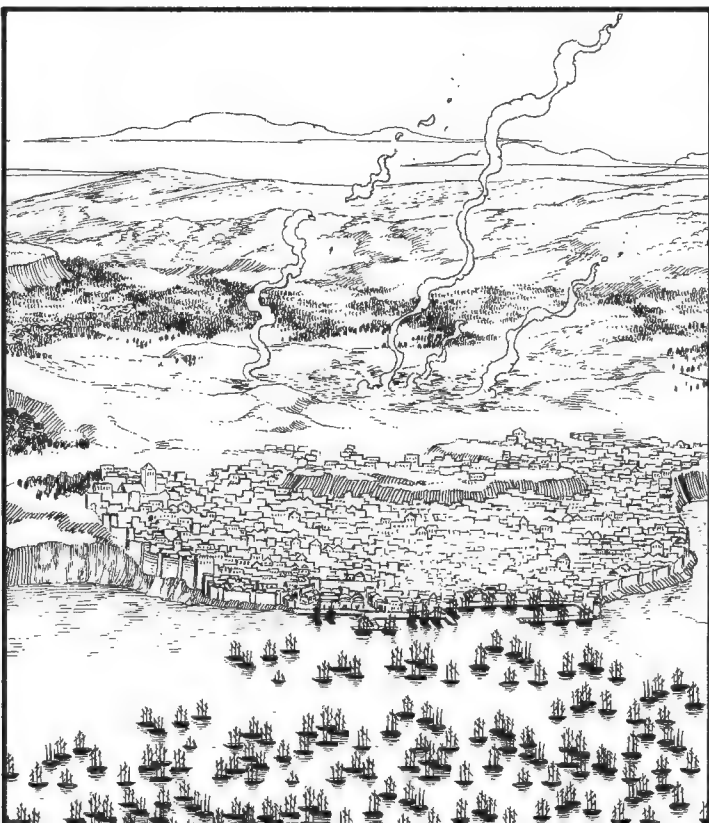
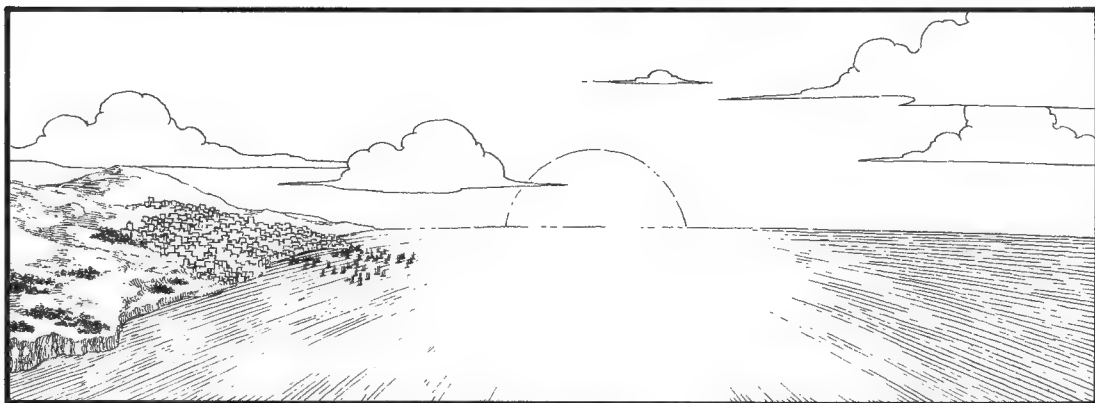
Huh?!
When did this happen?!

Oh, and put some clothes on.











Southern
Fiore, the
battle to
liberate
Hargeon.



Forward
!!!!

We *will*
take back
Hargeon
today!!



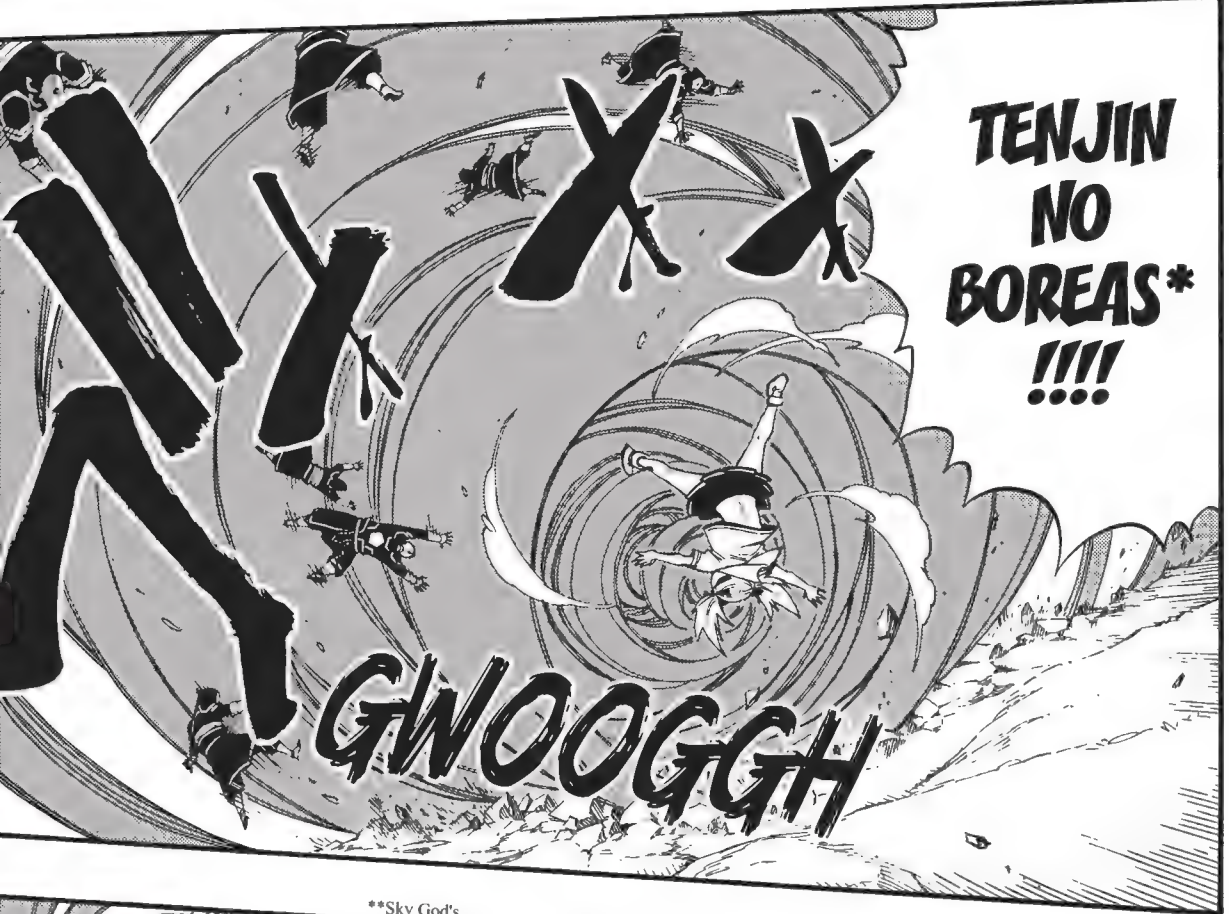
Ahya
hya
hya!

After the
humiliation
I heaped on her
yesterday, I'm
surprised she's
in such high
spirits.



But
today...
perhaps
I'll choose
someone
else.

*Sky God's Boreas!!!!



**TENJIN
NO
BOREAS*
!!!!**

**Sky God's...



**TENJIN
NO****

...

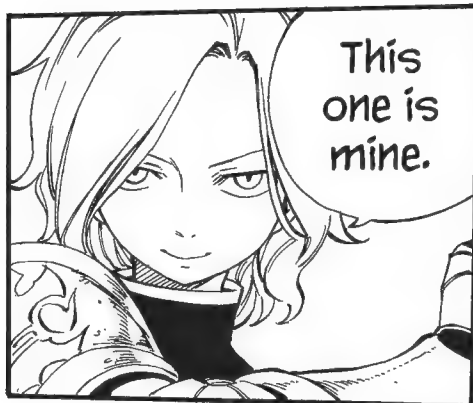


TMP



She's
stronger
than she
looks!

What's
with this
little
girl?!





So I
thought I'd
play with
you like I
did that
other one
yesterday.

I really
dig girls
with looks
like yours.



Today's
fun will be
different.

You're
a healer,
right?

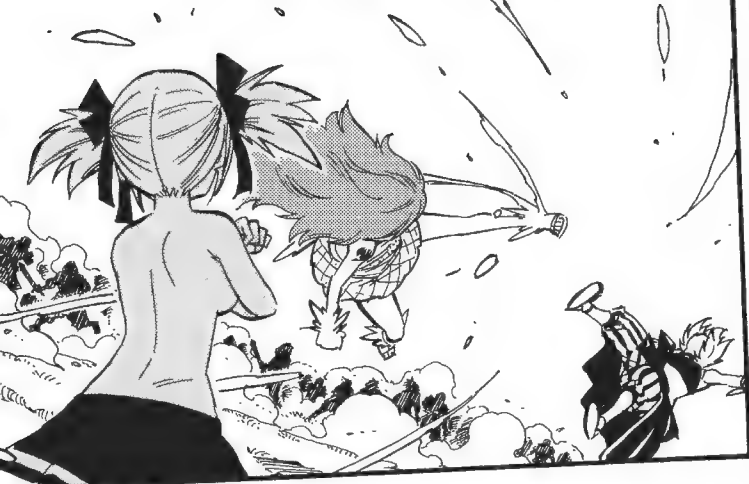


...Or
at least,
that's
what I *was*
thinking...



If I let
you live, you'll
just cause me
trouble. So why
don't you just
die for me?

DASH



Wendy
!!!



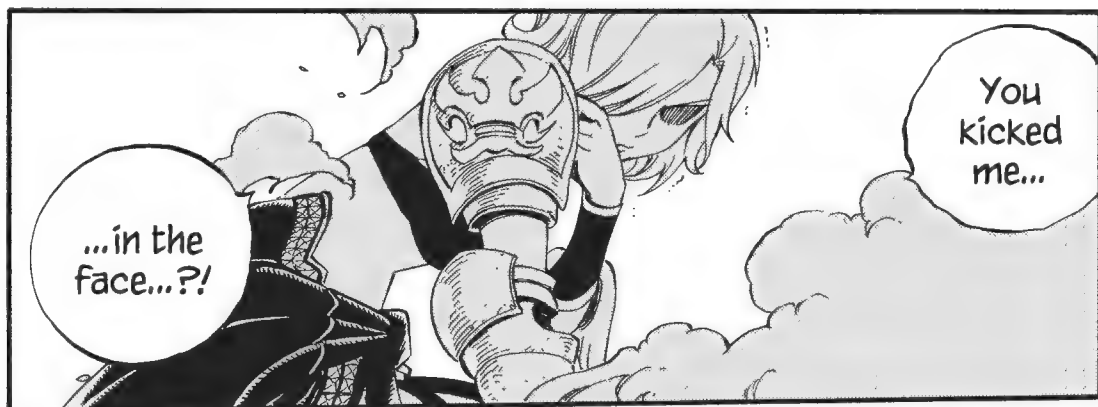
Sorry
to keep you
waiting,
Sherria!!

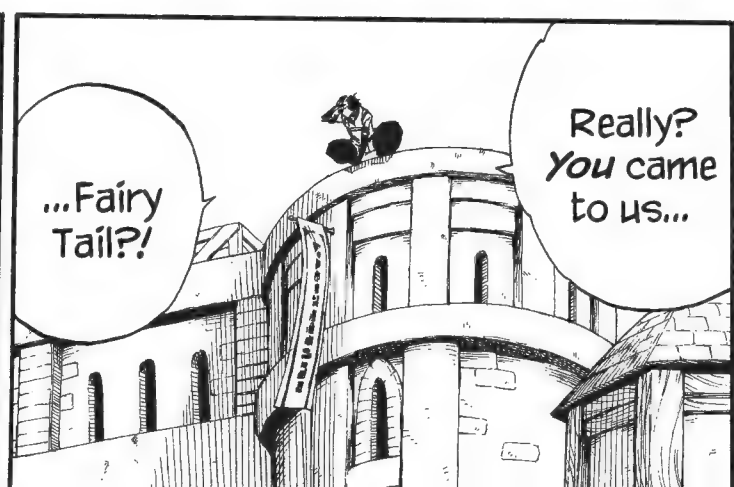
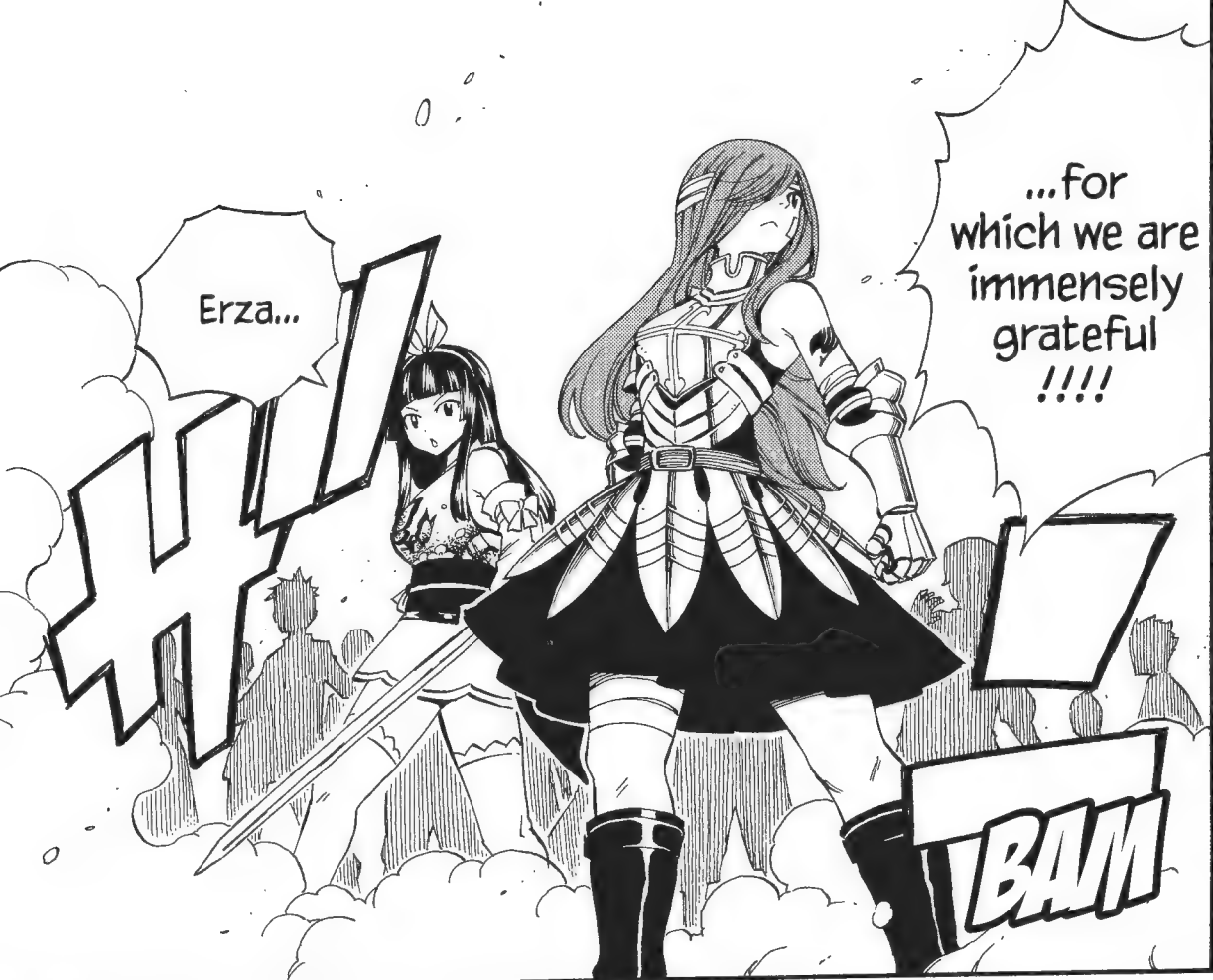
The Sky
Sisters
are back
together!!



KABOOM

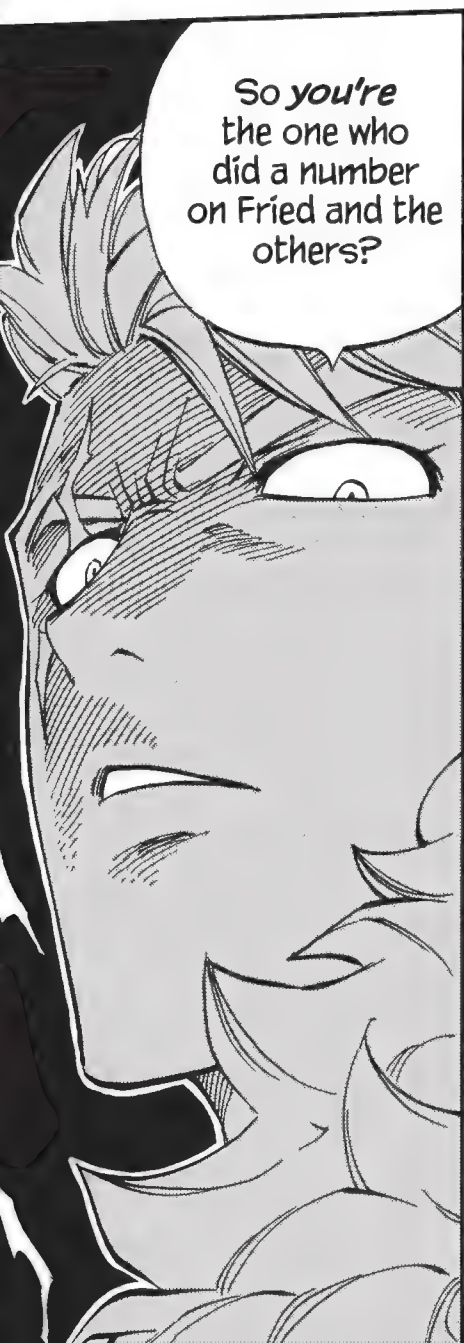
!!!!





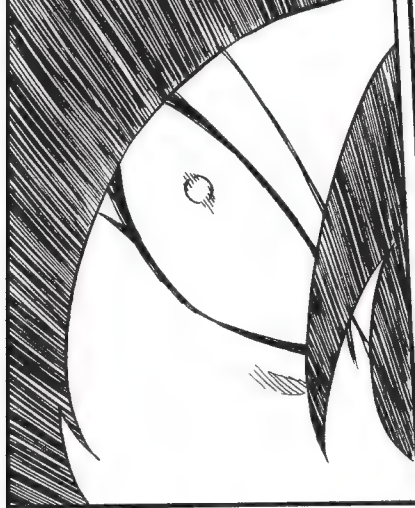


...



So you're
the one who
did a number
on Fried and the
others?



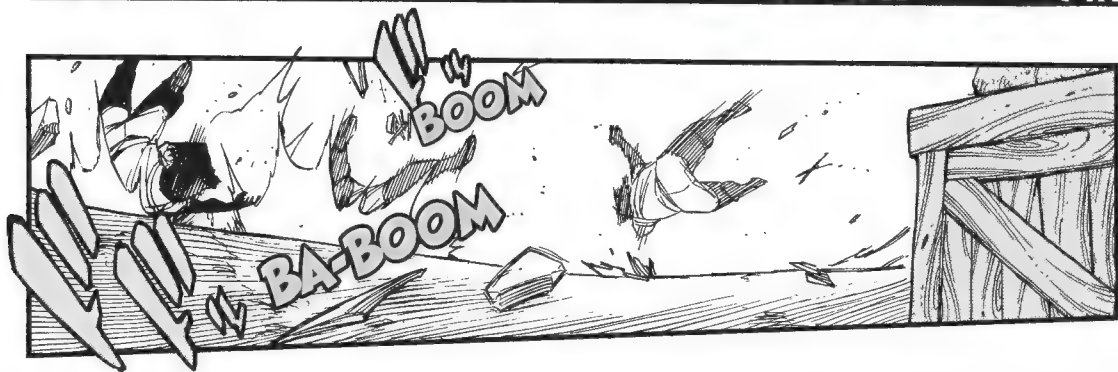


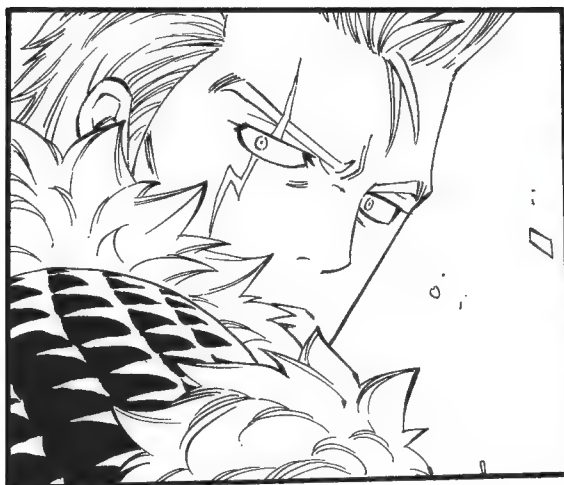
FAIRY TAIL

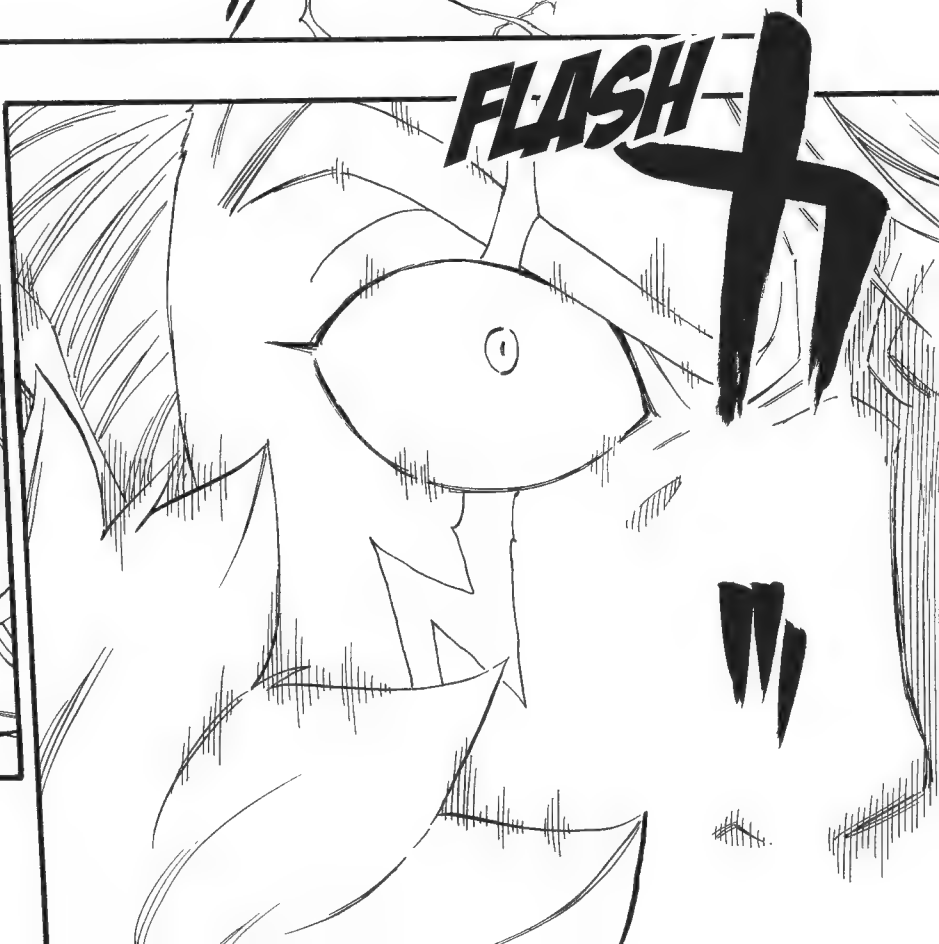
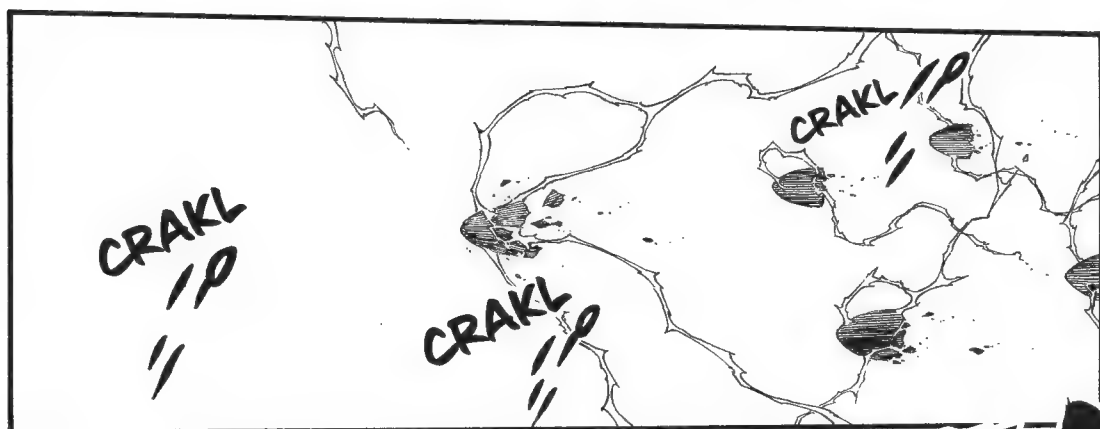
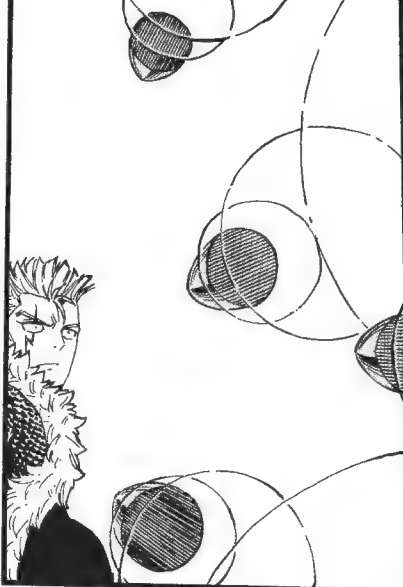
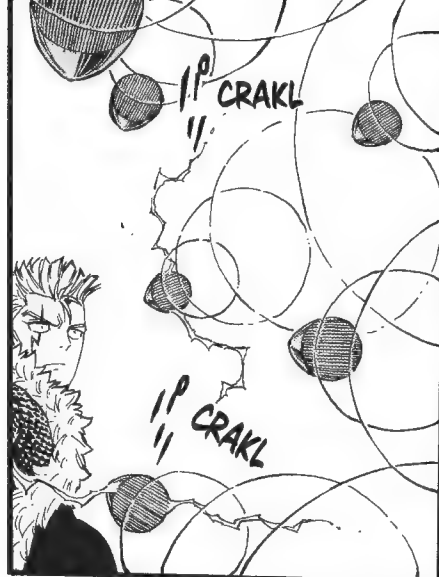
フェアリーテイル

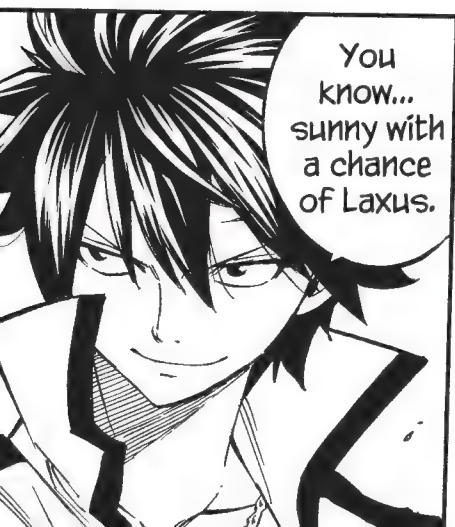
Chapter 472: Laxus vs. Wall









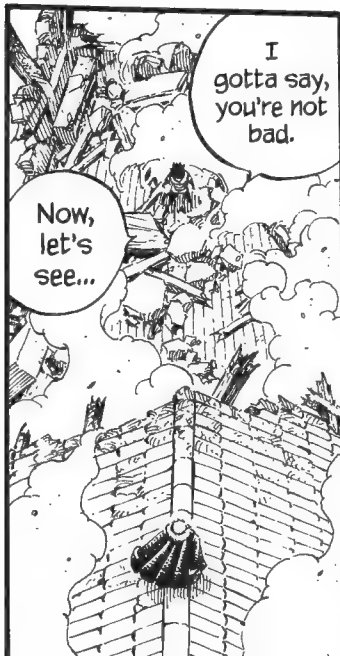


You
know...
sunny with
a chance
of Laxus.



That's
typical
weather in
Magnolia.

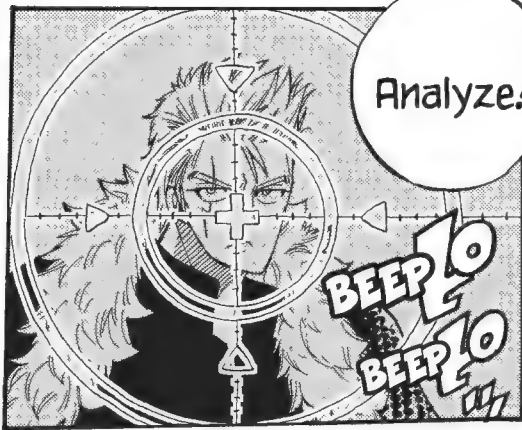
Lightning
...?!





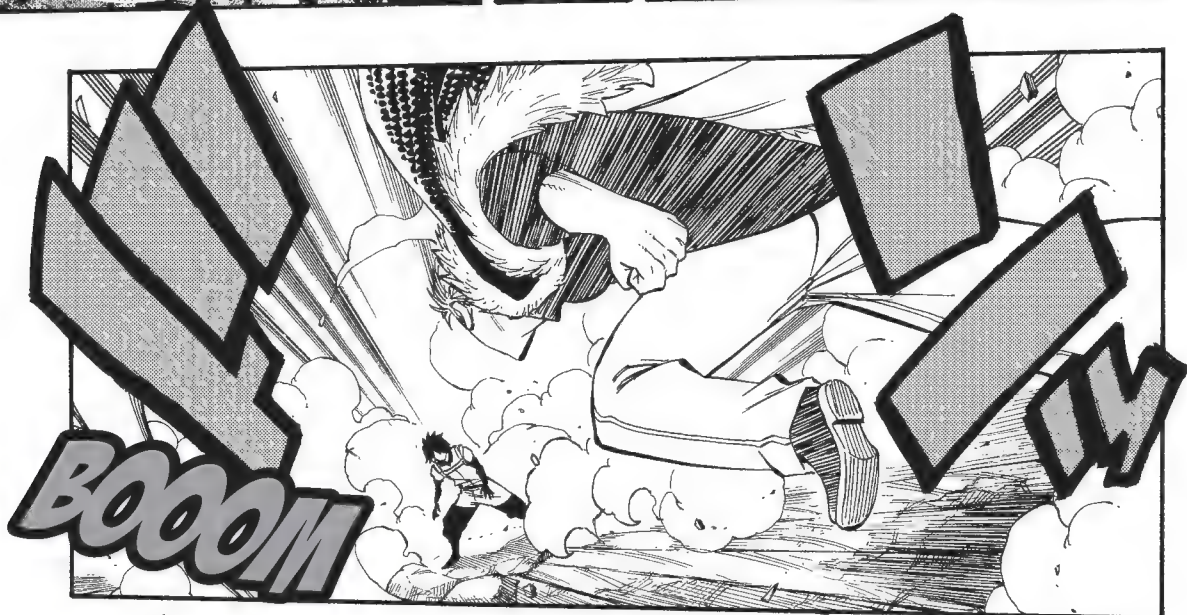
Hey,
your
body...

...is
full
of...



Analyze!

BEEP
BEEP



BOOOM



GAKOOOM



GA-SHK





Lightning
ain't gonna
work on
me.



Consider
this a
warning.



You
humans.
Always so
picky with
words.



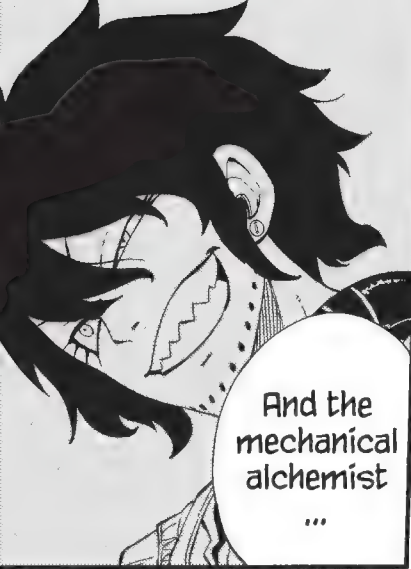
BA-KRAK

Ahya
hya hya
hya!!!

I want'cha
to think real
hard about how
you wanna
die!!!!

Gah!

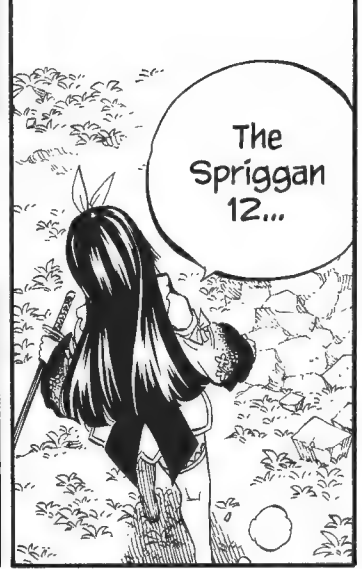




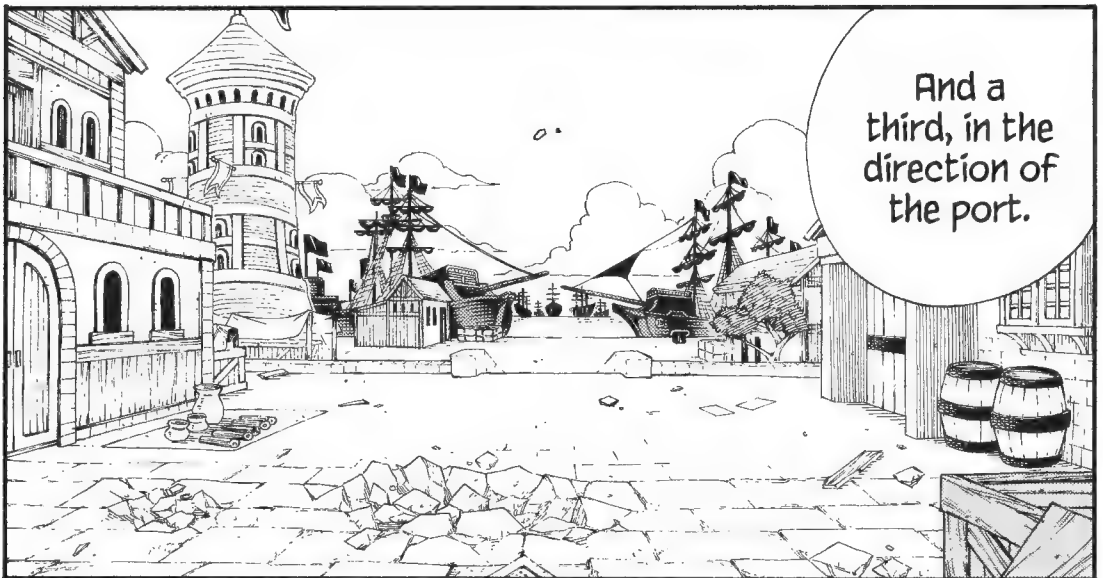
And the
mechanical
alchemist
...



There's
that
swords-
woman...



The
Spriggan
12...



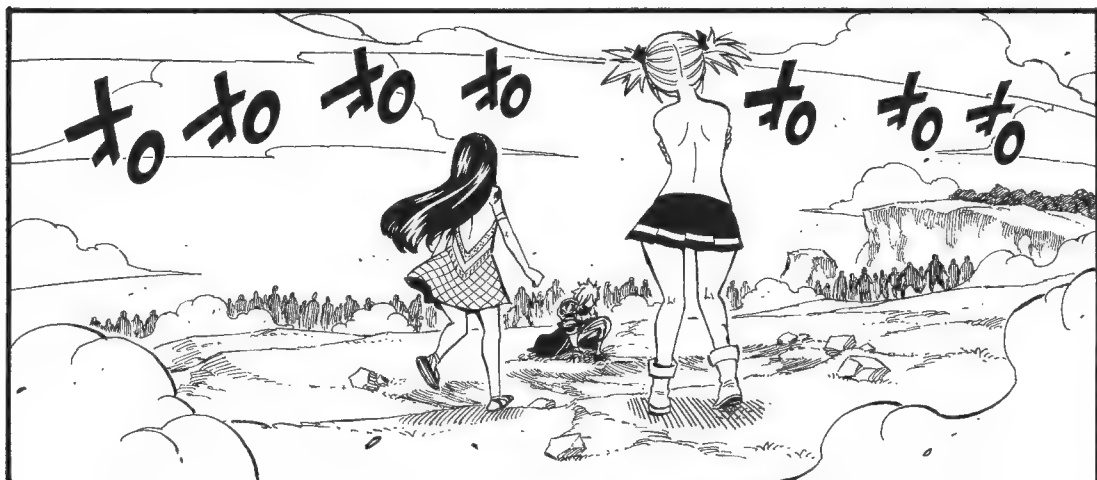
And a
third, in the
direction of
the port.



Yes,
we can!



The two
of us can
eliminate
that one.



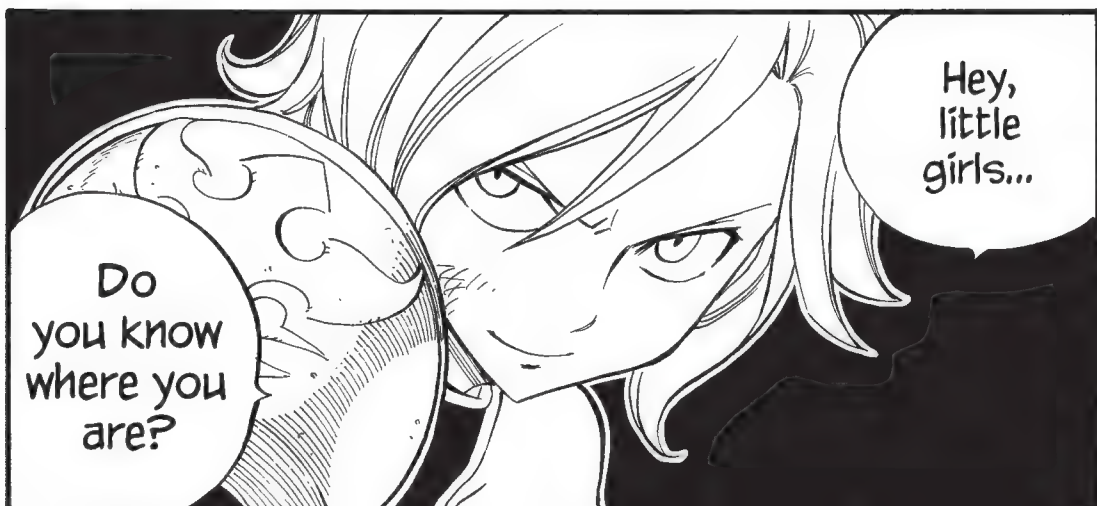
Huh? It's
so tight...



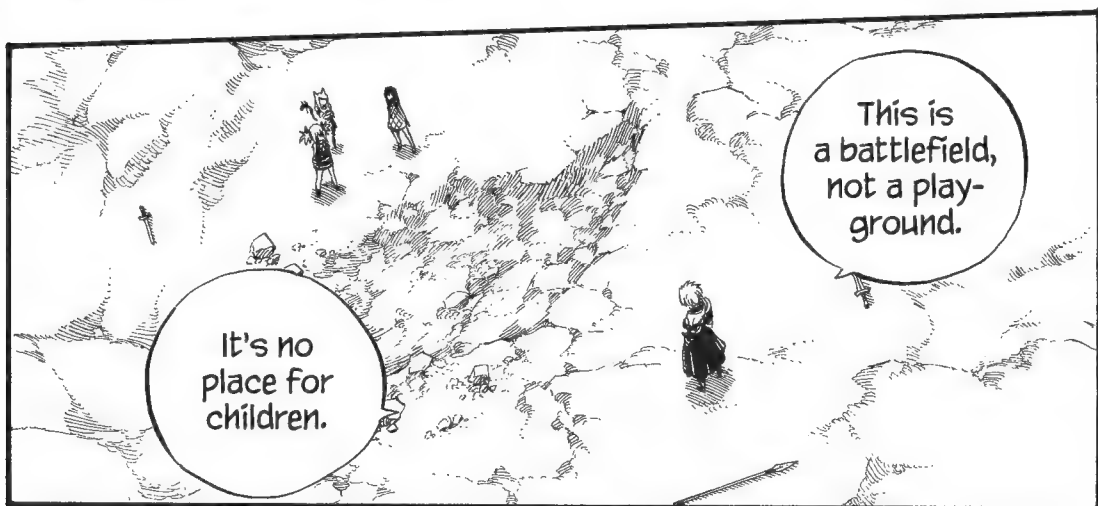
Thanks,
Carla.

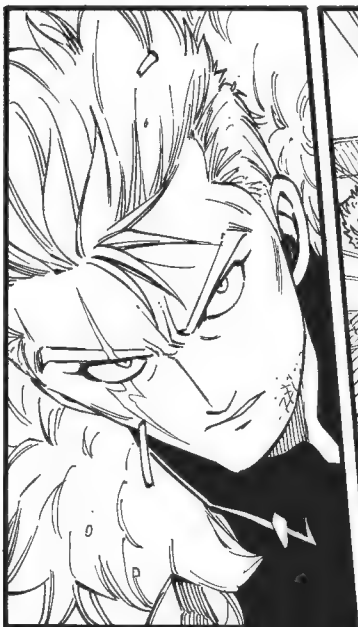
You can't
go walking
around
looking like
that!

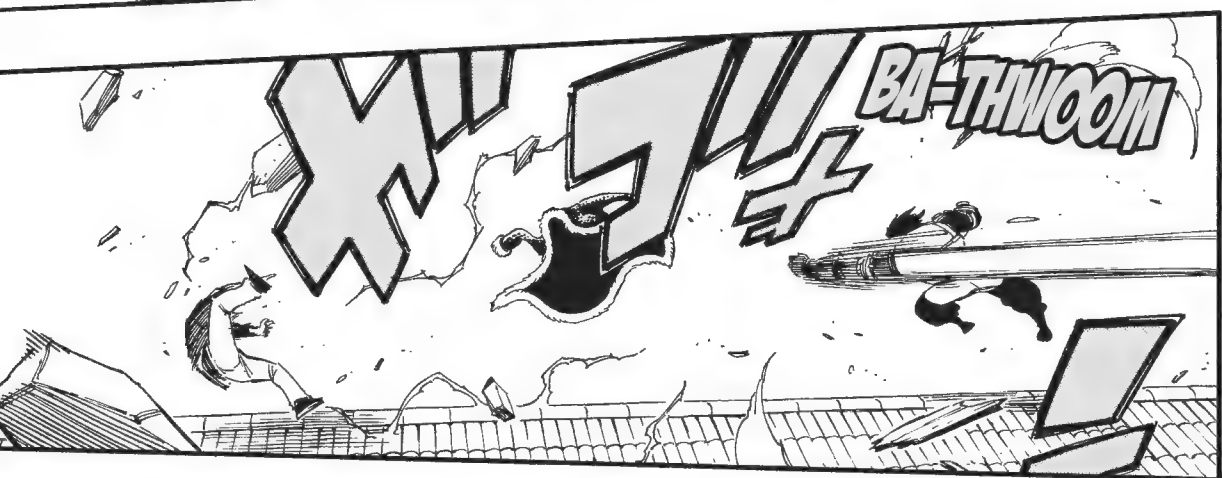
Here, take
this. It's
Wendy's,
but...



Hey,
little
girls...









A black and white manga-style illustration of a jagged, rocky mountain landscape. The scene is filled with sharp, angular rock formations and some stylized clouds. Three speech bubbles are present, containing text from a character. The speech bubble on the left is the largest and contains the most text. The speech bubble on the right is smaller and contains two lines of text. The speech bubble at the bottom right is the smallest and contains two lines of text.


My current personality type: Impulsive. Its flaws could be exploited by this opponent.

Infected by anti-magic particles, but...

...still functions in the top class of Fairy Tail wizards.

My current
personality type:
Impulsive. Its
flaws could be
exploited by this
opponent.

My current
personality type:
Impulsive. Its
flaws could be
exploited by this
opponent.



Analysis
com-
plete.

Target
acquired: Laxus.
Locked on.
Magic confine-
ment fusion
ignited.

Personality
type overwrite:
Heartless.
Power up to:
Exoskeleton
Assault
Mode!

Estimated time until extermination...

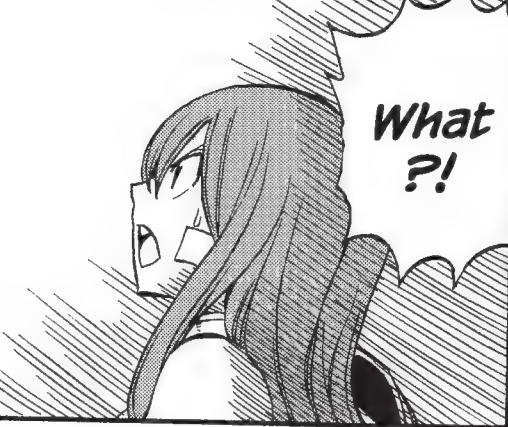
RUMBLE

90 seconds.

Estimated time until extermination...

RUMBLE

90 seconds.



What
?!



It's
burning
the
sky...
?!



Targeting
correction.



KH
...

STING



WHOOSH



GA-CHANK

Assault Wall:
Attack Mode
engaged.



**Not
now
!!!!**

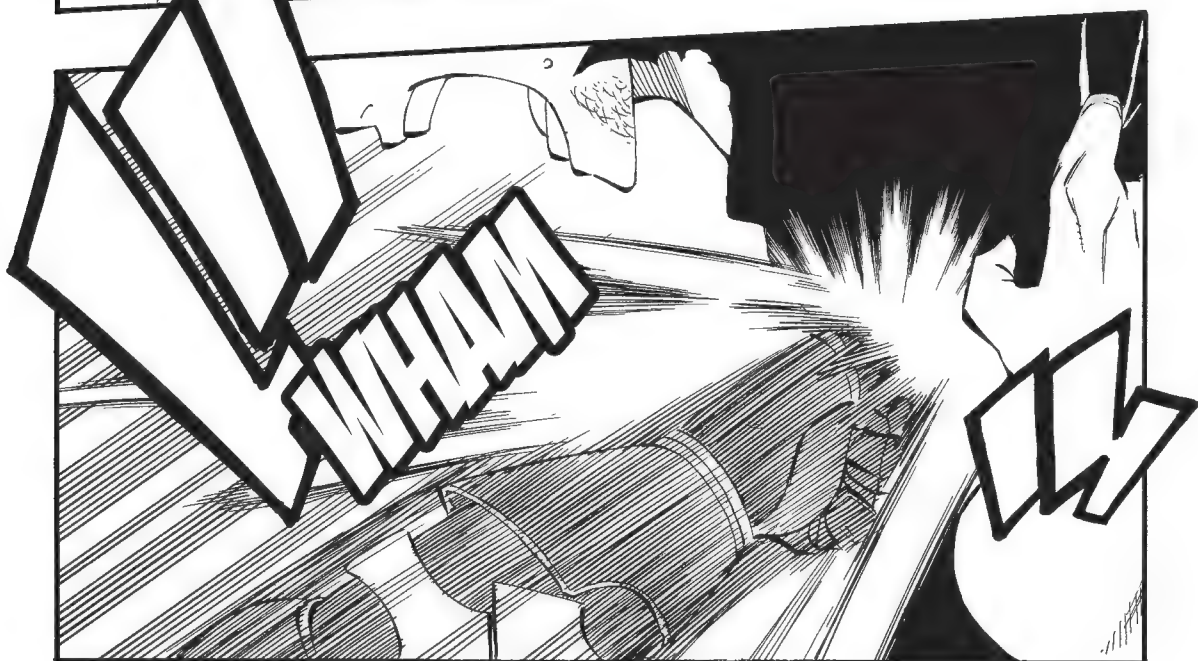
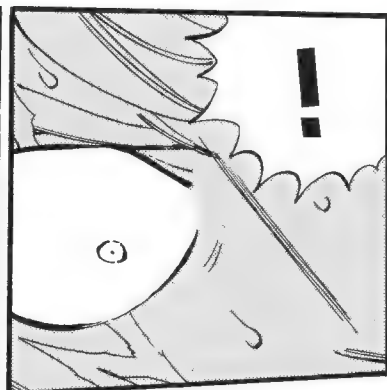
**No
!!!!**

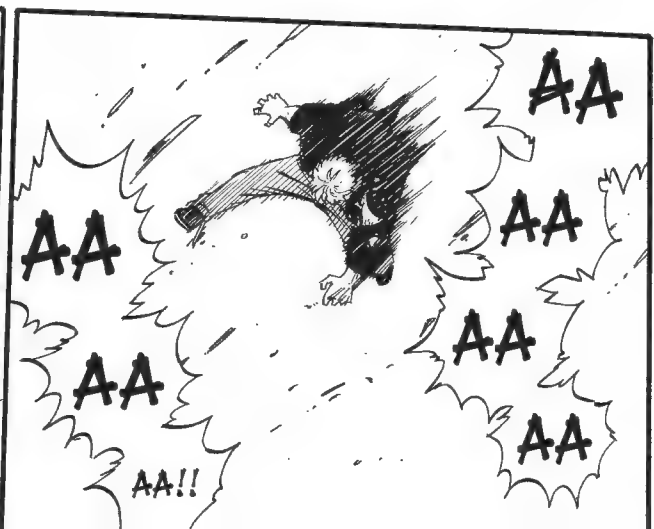
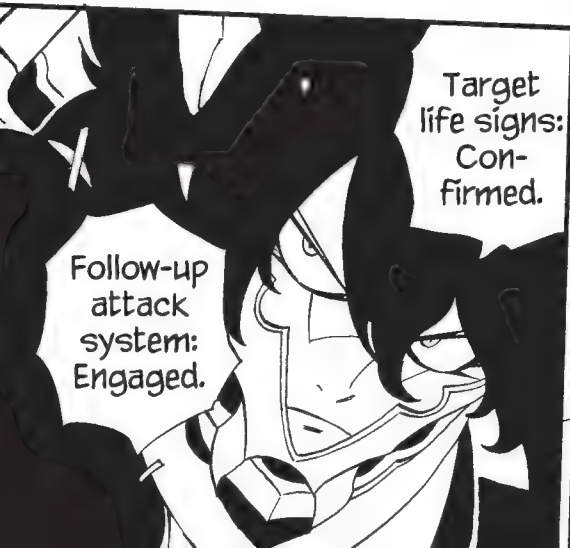
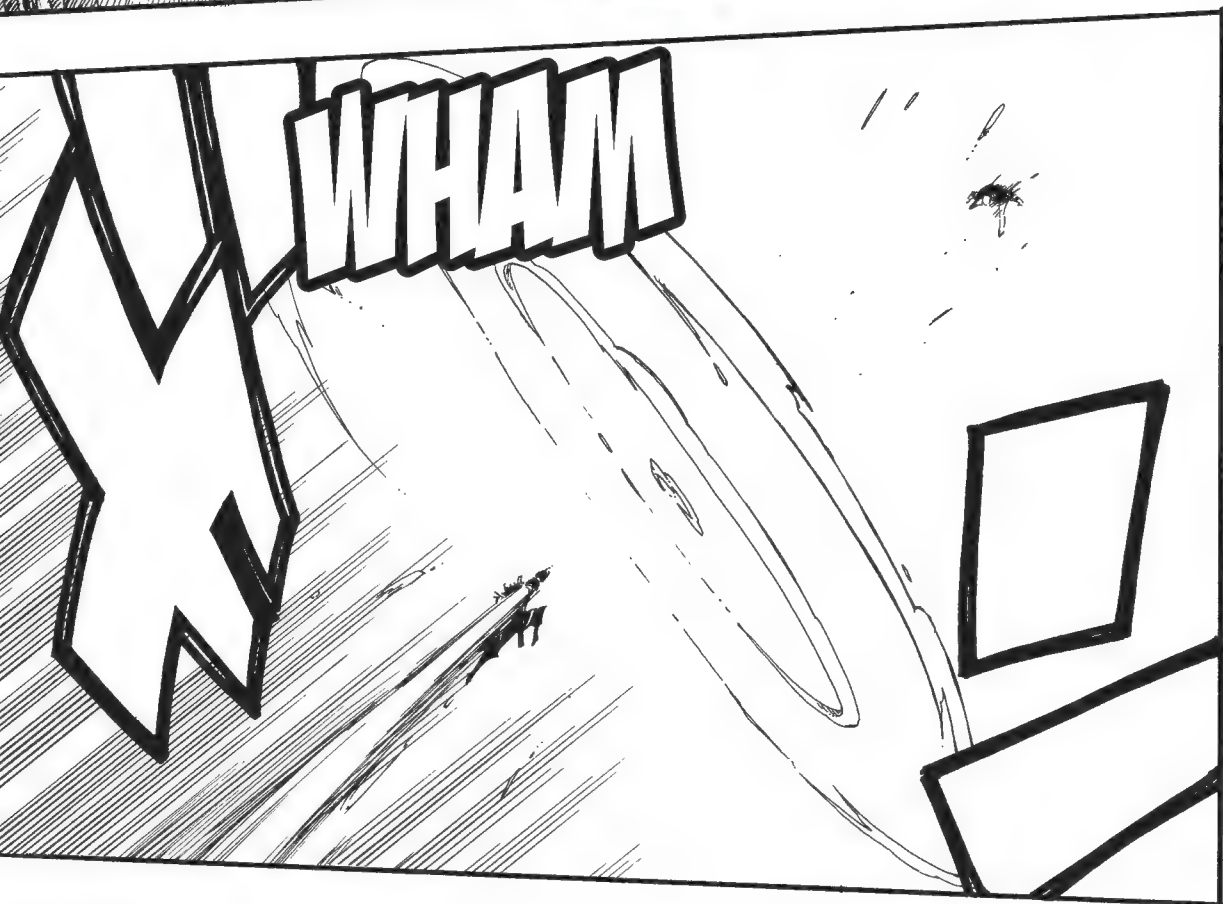
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 473: Red Lightning









Missiles
forged
!!

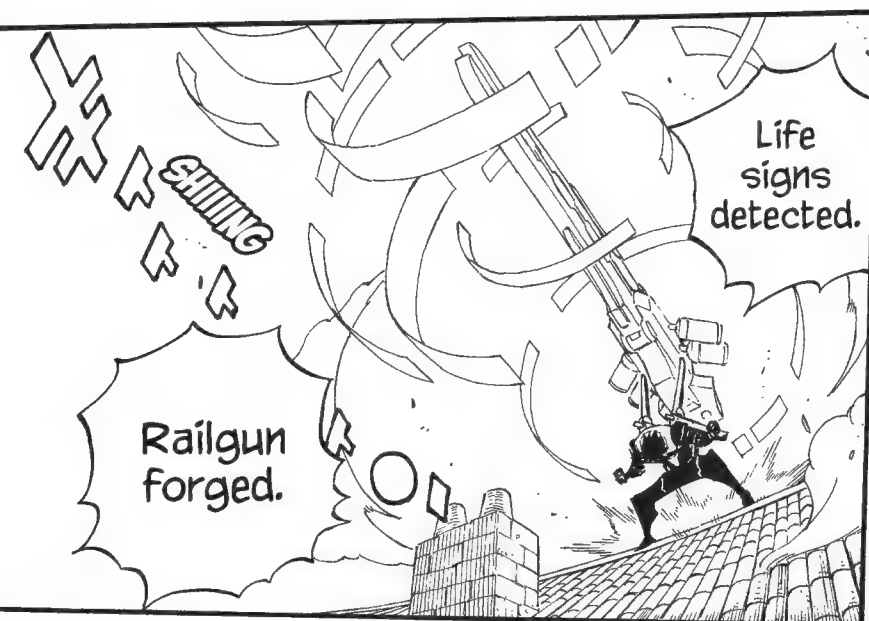


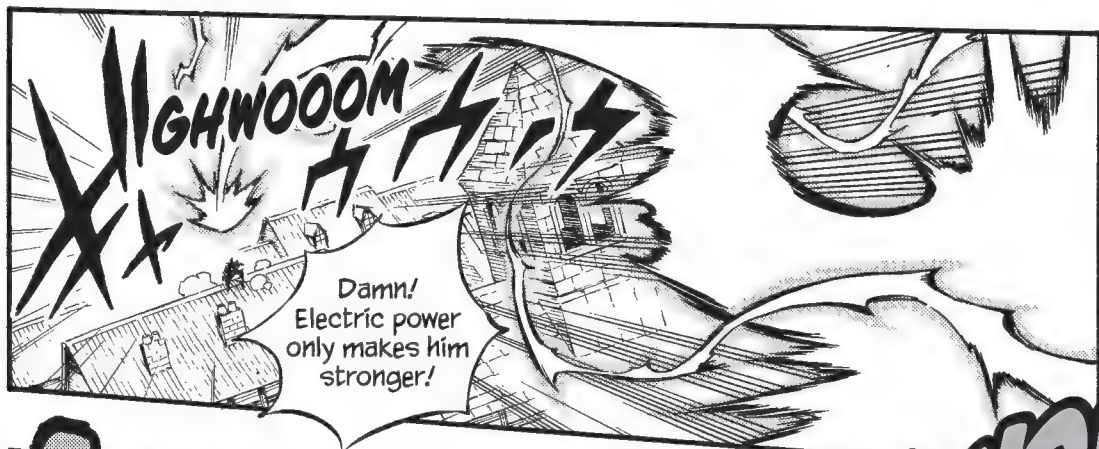
Anti-
material
laser!

VEEEEN

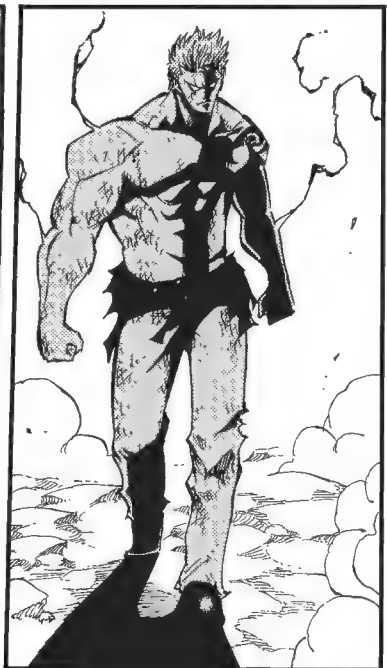
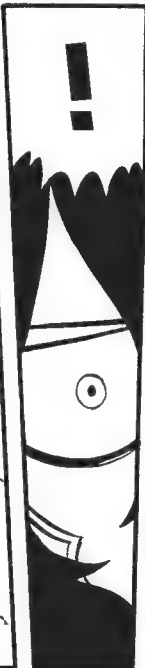


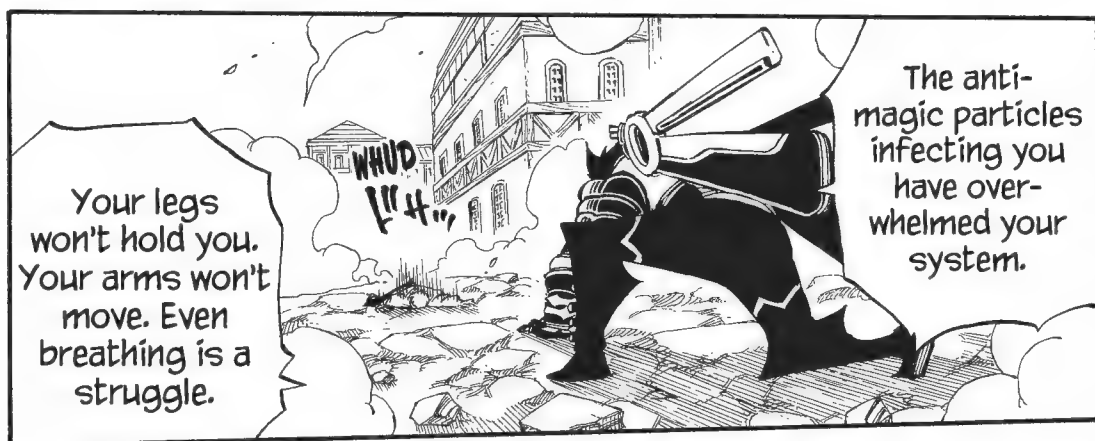
Fire
!!!













Along
with your
body.



I will
now end
this.

You
should thank
me! Your
pain and
suffering will
be gone.



Magic
confinement
fusion phase-
boundary-
breakthrough
kill system:
Online!

Charging
with illegal
ethernanos-
dispersing
ammunition!



Kh...

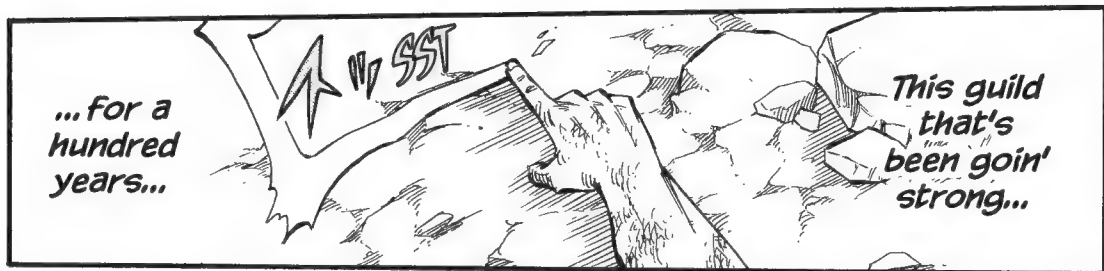


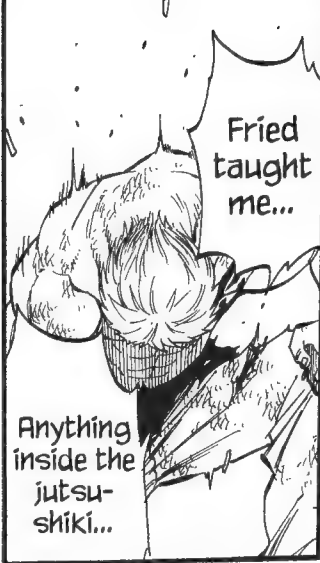
**Etherion:
Activate!**



**Gotta
move**

...







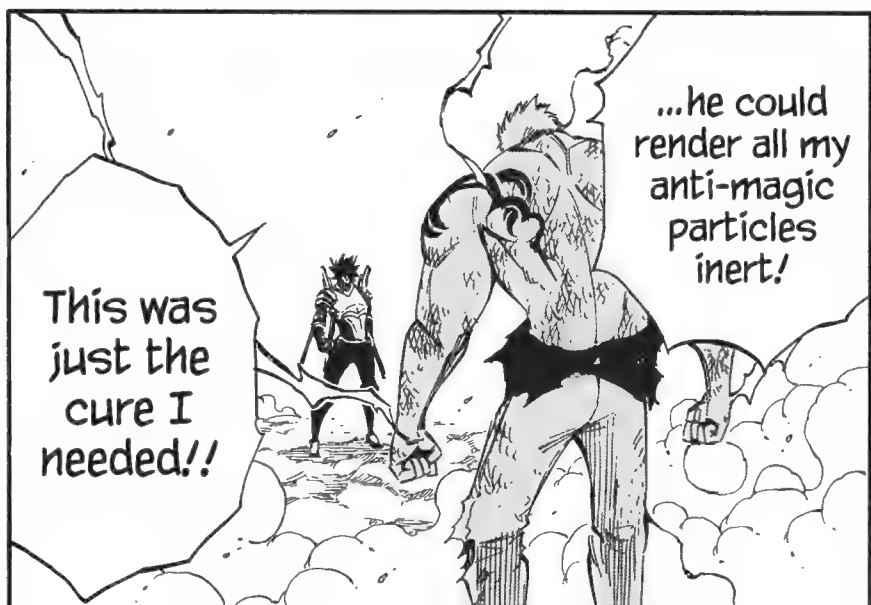
Fried,
gotta
thank
ya...!

There ain't
many wizards
who can break
your jutsu-
shiki!

I knew
if I found
one...



D-Dammit
...!!!



...he could
render all my
anti-magic
particles
inert!

This was
just the
cure I
needed!!





And
my life
ain't worth
half as
much as
theirs!!!



I told
you, that
won't...



Hya

aa

aa

aa

aa!!!



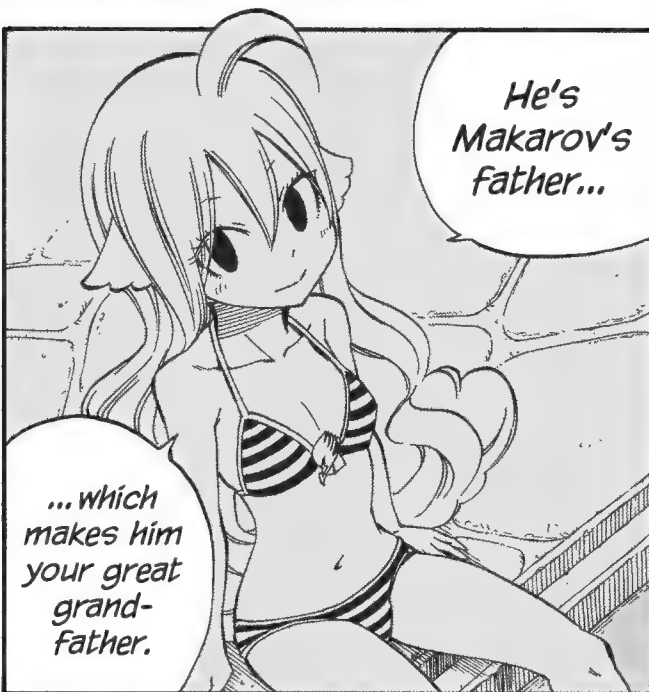
What
is this...
?!!

This red-
black
lightning...
I can't
analyze
it!!!!



The old
man never
mentioned
him. Not
once.

One
of the
founders
of Fairy
Tail?



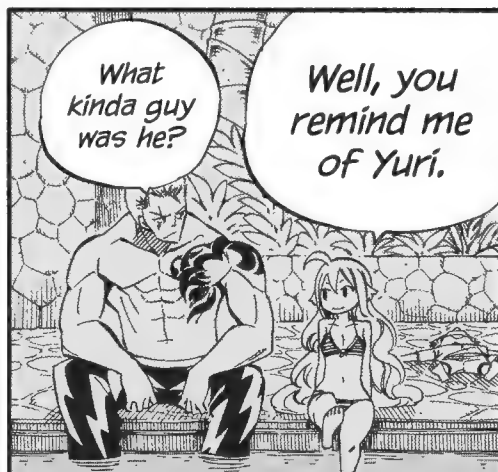
He's
Makarov's
father...

...which
makes him
your great
grand-
father.



That
ain't nothin'
like me!

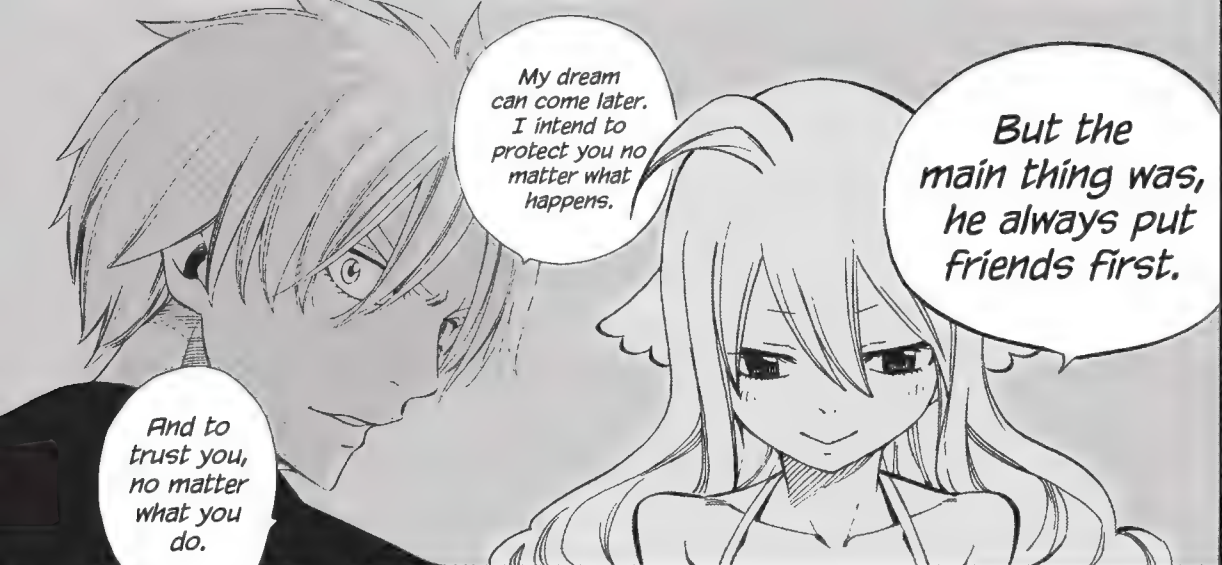
Happy! He
could brighten
everybody's
moods.



What
kinda guy
was he?

Well, you
remind me
of Yuri.





*And to
trust you,
no matter
what you
do.*

*My dream
can come later.
I intend to
protect you no
matter what
happens.*

*But the
main thing was,
he always put
friends first.*



*It's a
wonder they
let me back
in at all.*

*A while
back, I set
the guild
against
itself.*



*Like I said.
Ain't nothin'
like me.*



*That's
what makes
you just
like Yuri.*

*But you
didn't let your
mistakes hold
you back,
right?*

**RAIKÔ:
RED
LIGHTNING
!!!!**

GA-TTHUDD





*Lightning
that goes
beyond
lightning...*



*Red...
the color
of blood*

...

TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

When you spend a long time in this industry, it's surprising just how many things there are that I'd like to talk about but just can't. Obviously, I can't talk about what's to come in the story and other company secrets. But there's also upcoming release info, and details of the product, collaborations with others, and info on the anime. Aside from that, I also hear some gossip about other manga artists or editors, and that isn't something I'd pass on to others anyway.

Whenever I'm told not to say something, I never ever say it. But sometimes I think about it from the point of view of the people producing the work and wonder, "Maybe it'd be good timing to announce it soon..." or "I feel like it'd be okay to at least say that part, right?"

If you're wondering why I'm writing this, it's because I've got something I'm bursting to tell people about, but just can't! I know it isn't fair to only touch on it like this, but the final decision is that I can't. But man, do I want to talk about it!

Having this burning urge to say something can seem like it would be stressful, but you'd be surprised to know that that's not really the case. I do my best not to talk about something that has to stay secret, but as time goes on, I have a tendency to forget about the thing that's supposed to be secret! (Laughs) Then, when the item is about to go on sale or when the collaboration is announced, I'm often like, "Oh, yeah, **that!**" And with all things Fairy Tail, there are so many new items going on sale or new collaborations (and I'm really grateful to them all!) that I sometimes just can't keep them all in my head.

Recently, I've even begun to forget the release dates of my own graphic novels, and I end up remembering only because other authors tweet that they have their books coming out on the same day or because fans tweet that they bought the book. Actually, I want to talk about the new graphic novel as soon as I've drawn the cover, and say to everybody, "Here's the cover for the next volume!" But you can only publicly show the cover just before the release date and sometimes, by that point, I'm already coloring the cover for the next volume. So I end up forgetting about the previous one!

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



In Japan, this volume, Vol. 55, has both a normal version and a special OAD (original animation DVD) version selling at the same time.

It's been a long time since the last OAD, and we really put a lot of love and effort into it. I hope those who bought the special edition enjoy the anime!

The image above has absolutely nothing to do with the main story, but lately I've just been overwhelmed with how cute Brandish is, so I couldn't help myself! I hope I can get her into the main story even more!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a difficult language and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 35, Bloodman

In previous volumes, Bloodman was mistranslated as Bradman. We apologize for any confusion.

Page 45, Tenjin no Boreas

Boreas is the name of the Greek God of the North Wind.

Page 165, Magic Confinement fusion

Magic confinement fusion is a play on the concept of magnetic confinement fusion, a process in which fusion reactions for nuclear fusion-based power generation happen within a magnetic field. For nuclear fusion to happen, it needs to be confined and heated until it becomes plasma. The plasma can be held within a magnetic field as the fusion takes place. In this case, it is magic holding the plasma, or to put it in much simpler terms, Wall is about to generate a whole lot of power.

Page 184, Ryuzetsu Land

There is a plant related to the American "century plant" called "Ryûzetsuran" in Japanese. It's a desert plant that lives for quite a long time (although not a century, as its English name implies)—it can live up to some thirty years. Using Japanese pronunciation, "ran" and "land" sound almost identical, so the name of this water park or spa is a play on the name of the plant

Page 186, Raikô

Raikô is the Japanese word for the compound called mercury fulminate, an explosive that is used these days as a means to trigger other explosives. In the past, it was used to replace flint in muzzle-loading firearms, and later, when they started making ammunition that contained its own gunpowder, mercury fulminate was one of the primers they used to fire the bullets (which was later replaced with more efficient compounds).

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HIRO 真島ヒロ MASHIMA





TENJIN
NO
BOREAS**
!!!!

TENRYŪ NO
YOKUGEKI*
!!!!

I'm sure
everyone has
wished for this
at least once,
right?

In the south, Wendy and Sherria,
the Sky Sisters
combine perfectly for a new battle!!



Carla!

Carla
!!!

"What
if I could
stop
time?"

But when Carla receives an
attack that even her foresight
couldn't allow her to avoid,
does it mean that the Warrior
Queen DiMaria has caused a new
tragedy...?!

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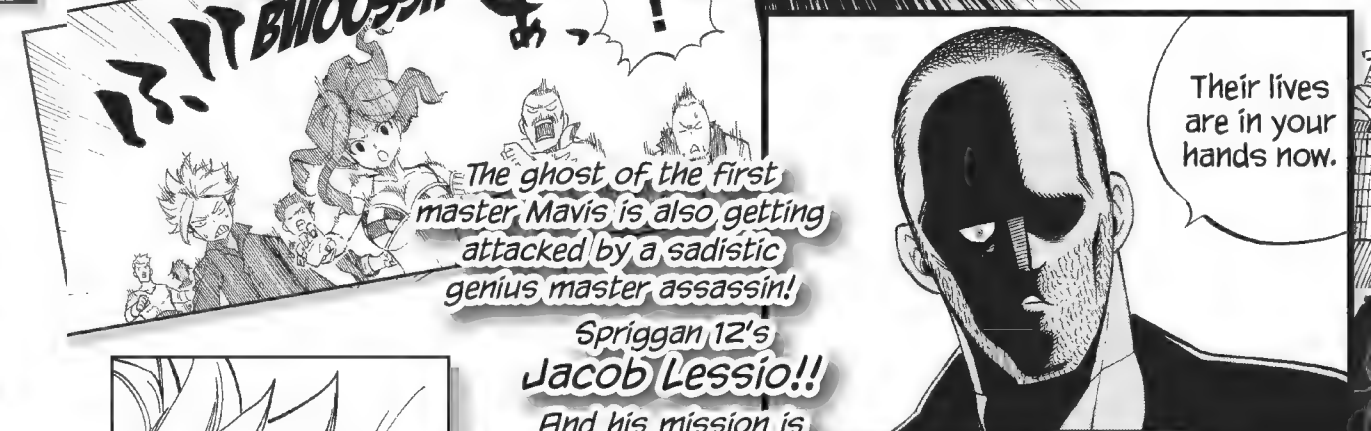


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A sudden emergency
strikes the guild!!!

Woom

All of the Fairy Tail guild members
vanish in an instant!!



BWOOSSH

The ghost of the first
master Mavis is also getting
attacked by a sadistic
genius master assassin!

Spriggan 12's
Jacob Lessio!!

And his mission is
to steal Fairy Heart!

Their lives
are in your
hands now.



What
should I
do...?

While the guild's in deadly trouble, where are
Natsu and Lucy...?!

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